



City of Ketchum

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA MEMO

Meeting Date: November 17, 2026 Staff Member/Dept: Daniel Hansen/Dir. Of Community Engagement

Agenda Item: Recommendation to approve adjusted exempt event street closures

Recommended Motion:

"I move to approve the amended exempt event street closure list."

Reasons for Recommendation:

- The City Council has pre-approved event street closures in the past to be included in the city's event permit application as "exempt". This eliminates the need for individual event permits that are submitted throughout the year that wish to use one of the pre-approved roadways from needing to come before City Council for approval, as long as they are following all other rules in city code. This helps event producers get their permits faster, saving time and money and making it easier to produce events in Ketchum.
- City staff have evaluated the current exempt street closure list to determine if any adjustments needed to be made to better support event producer's needs and public safety.
- Staff recommend adding sections of streets to the exempt list that get requested frequently in event applications, as long as the negative impacts to traffic flow, safety, businesses, and residents are minimal.
- The streets recommended to remove from designated event street closures list are ones that do not get requested often or that may cause greater negative impacts to traffic flow, safety, businesses, or residents. However, requests to use these locations for events still can come before City Council for approval on a case-by-case basis.

Proposed adjustments (see the attachment provided for locations on a map):

Adding to the exempt list:

- East 4th St. from N. East Ave. to N. Walnut Ave.
- East 4th St. from N. Walnut Ave. to N. Spruce Ave.
- East Ave. from Sun Valley Road to 4th St.
- 5th St. from 1st Ave. to Washington Ave.
- 4th St. from 1st Ave. to Washington Ave.
- Picabo St. from Skiway Ct. to Ritchie Dr.

Removing from the exempt list:

- 1st Ave. between 6th St. and 5th St.
- 1st Ave. between 4th St. and Sun Valley Road

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Ave. between Sun Valley Road and 2nd St.” |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjustments to the recommended exempt event street closures will cause minimal impact on traffic flow and safety; successful events have been held on these street sections in the past. |

Policy Analysis and Background (non-consent items only):

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Sustainability Impact:

None

Financial Impact:

None OR Adequate funds exist in account:	None
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Attachments:

1. Map of highlighted streets to add or remove
2.
3.

Current approved: █

Additional to approve: █

Current approved that will be removed: █



Current approved: █

Additional to approve: █

