



COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT Administration	PRESENTED BY Christy Doon - City Administrator	DATE March 19, 2024
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ITEM

Resolution 2024-26, A Resolution of the City Council for the City of Salida Reauthorizing the Temporary Closure of F Street Between Sackett Avenue and 2nd Steet and Providing for a Revised Procedure for Liquor Licensees to Obtain Proper Authorization for Outdoor Expansion

BACKGROUND

In 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Salida closed F Street, from Sackett to 2nd Street to allow for restaurants and other retail establishments to move some operations outdoors. F Street was closed from approximately Memorial to Labor Day Weekends. In 2021 the street closure was then extended to a half block of F Street between 2nd and 3rd. During the closure, minor improvements to the area were made, including more substantial barricades at the end of each block (painted and some with flowers), additional covered seating in various parking areas, the placement of a community stage in front of Natural Grocers, to name a few.

In early November, a survey was released, which asked a number of questions regarding the amenities available during the closure, the effectiveness of the closure and how often residents and visitors traveled downtown. While the survey was not intended to answer the question “do you want F Steet open or closed”, the responses show a wide cross-section of opinions about the closure.

The Council has discussed the potential closure of F Street to vehicular traffic at multiple work sessions and Council meetings. The majority of the Council requested staff prepare and bring forward the attached Resolution.

Staff have identified a few improvements that can be made regardless of the street status. These include the installation of new banners on the acorn lights, café-style lighting in trees along F Street and the installation of pedestrian signage.

Were the street to be closed to vehicular traffic, staff has identified additional spaces along Sackett Avenue and 2nd Street to increase the number of ADA spots. Currently the City provides more ADA spots than required (1:25) and these additional spots would increase this ratio. Staff discussed the idea of adding ADA spots next to the barricades in the middle of the street. This idea was deemed not feasible because emergency equipment would not be able to access F Street if a car was parked in the middle of the street.

Additional steps can be taken to increase the vibrancy of the closed area. Staff noted that parking spaces not being used by businesses can be utilized for off-site vendors, to increase bike parking, or for impromptu performances.

In order to accommodate parades and other festivals downtown, staff have noted some requirements for the summer closure. Businesses utilizing the parking spaces for additional retail, food or other activities will be required to maintain the center easement to ensure properly permitted parades can travel up F Street. FiBARK has requested use of the northern half of the 100 block of F street, through the City’s Special Events process. Any business utilizing outdoor space in this area will need to clear all structures and material from the roadway by June 13.



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FISCAL NOTE

City Council asked staff to identify opportunities within the closure with the least fiscal impact. Please see the attached map for an overview of potential improvements. Total cost of suggested improvements is approximately \$20,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

A majority of the Council requested this item be included and it is therefore attached for your discussion and consideration.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A City Councilmember would state, "I move to approve Resolution 2024-26, A Resolution of the City Council for the City of Salida Reauthorizing the Temporary Closure of F Street Between Sackett Avenue and 2nd Steet and Providing for a Revised Procedure for Liquor Licensees to Obtain Proper Authorization for Outdoor Expansion" followed by a second and a roll call vote.

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 26
(Series of 2024)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SALIDA
REAUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF F STREET BETWEEN
SACKETT AVENUE AND 2ND STREET AND PROVIDING FOR A REVISED
PROCEDURE FOR LIQUOR LICENSEES TO OBTAIN PROPER
AUTHORIZATION FOR OUTDOOR EXPANSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Salida, Colorado (“City”) is a statutory city, duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in previous years the City has closed a portion of F Street to create a temporary pedestrian mall in an effort to encourage residents and visitors to come to the City’s downtown area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-702(1)(a)(I), the governing body of each municipality has the power “[t]o lay out, establish, open, alter, widen, extend, grade, pave, or otherwise improve streets, parks, and public grounds and vacate the same and... to regulate the use of the same;” and

WHEREAS, the Salida City Council (“Council”) has engaged with residents of the City and members of the local business community to gain feedback based on prior closures in an effort to make closure decisions in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the Council that City staff do this closure in such a manner as to have a minimal financial impact; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that the closure may reduce ADA accessible parking and to the extent that such parking is limited, City staff will investigate where other ADA parking may be established adjacent to the closure;

WHEREAS, Section 10-7-30 of the Salida Municipal Code (“Code”) generally prohibits the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places, but provides an exemption for places duly licensed for sale of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division (“LED”) published Bulletin 21-05, which provides guidance regarding the service area premises extension options available to liquor licenses in municipalities which permit such an expansion; and

WHEREAS, following the COVID-19 pandemic, the LED’s guidance identifies sidewalk service area, as authorized by Regulation 47-302(A)(4), 1 CCR 203-2, as a more permanent alternative to the prior temporary COVID-19 expansion option; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue to utilize its temporary outdoor expansion application form and issue, in the City’s discretion, revocable license for the use of public rights-of-way and public places to provide liquor licensees the legal right to use these spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it desirable and prudent, and in the best interests of the general health, safety, and welfare of its residents to reauthorize the temporary closure of F Street between Sackett Avenue and 2nd Street, and to provide for a revised procedure for liquor licensees to obtain proper authorization for outdoor expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Salida City Council incorporates the foregoing recitals as its conclusions, facts, determinations and findings.

Section 2. The Salida City Council hereby reauthorizes the temporary closure of the streets, alleys, and sidewalks on F Street between Sackett Avenue and 2nd Street, effective May 23, 2024 and ending on September 9, 2024. During the time of the closure, F Street will be reopened to allow for properly permitted parades.

Section 3. The City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to take any further action reasonably necessary or prudent to carry out the effect of this Resolution.

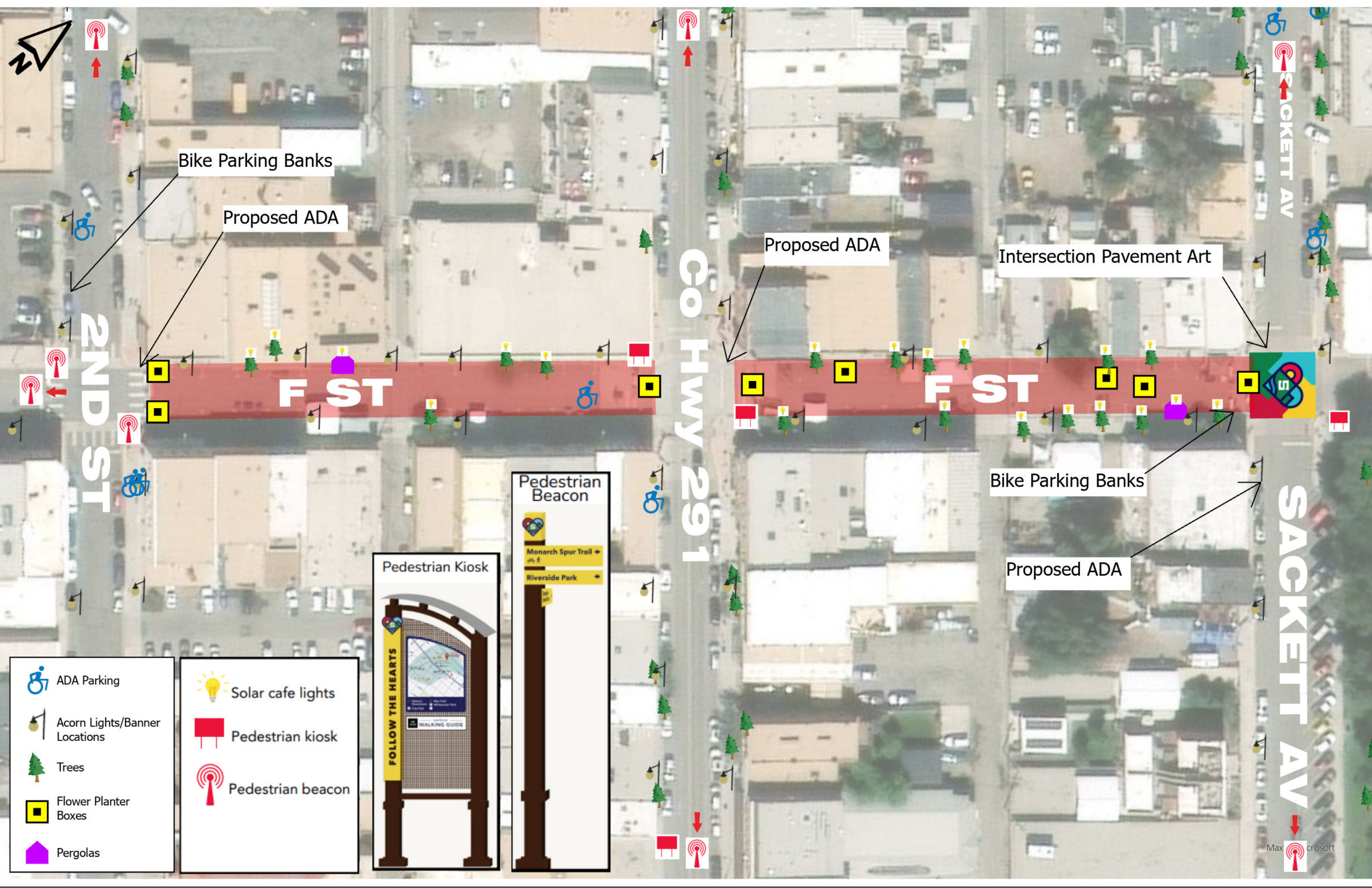
RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2024.

CITY OF SALIDA

By: _____
Dan Shore, Mayor

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ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk



Bike Parking Banks

Proposed ADA






Proposed ADA




Intersection Pavement Art

Bike Parking Banks

Proposed ADA



-  ADA Parking
-  Acorn Lights/Banner Locations
-  Trees
-  Flower Planter Boxes
-  Pergolas

-  Solar cafe lights
-  Pedestrian kiosk
-  Pedestrian beacon

