



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2024

**TO:** City Council Members

**FROM:** Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Open Containers of Alcoholic Beverages During The 2024 Mother Lode Round-Up Parade

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### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution Number 02-05-2024-B, authorizing the possession of opened alcoholic beverage containers and the public consumption of alcoholic beverages within the cordoned areas of the special event, which is identified by the street closures of State Route 49 (Washington Street) and other identified connecting City Streets for the 2024 Mother Lode Round-Up Parade.

### DISCUSSION

Each year the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Posse sponsors the Mother Lode Round-Up Parade on the Saturday proceeding Mother's Day. The parade will be held this year on Saturday, May 11, 2024. It is scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. and conclude at approximately 1:00 P.M.

Historically, open containers of alcoholic beverages and public consumption of alcohol have been permitted for the duration of the parade. After the parade, and prior to the re-opening of any streets and/or at the direction of the Police Department, all open containers are removed from public areas and private lands open to the public.

California Business and Profession Code section 25620 prohibits the possession of open containers in any city, county, or city and county-owned park or other city, county, or city and county-owned public place, or any recreation and park district, or any regional park or open-space if the city, county, or city and county has enacted an ordinance that prohibits the possession of those containers or the consumption of alcoholic beverages in those areas. Accordingly, Sonora Municipal Code section 9.08.010 deems it unlawful for any person to drink, consume, or possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage or intoxicating liquor or smoke marijuana upon any public street, public park, public parking lot, public sidewalk, and grounds of public buildings, and private building or lands that are open to the public.

The Tuolumne County Sheriff's Posse has asked that the area within the boundaries of the street closures, as identified in Sonora City Resolution Number 02-05-2024-A, be designated as an open container area and that within that area, public consumption of alcoholic beverages also is permitted for the duration of the Mother Lode Roundup Parade or as otherwise directed by the Sonora Police Department.

Recognizing that public safety is a priority, the Sonora Police Department is recommending that as a condition to allow open containers of alcoholic beverages for said event, these containers are limited to those constructed of materials other than glass.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no foreseen financial impact to the General Fund budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Temporary Suspension of Open Container and Public Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage Regulations,  
Resolution 02-05-2024-B.