



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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SERVICE, INNOVATION, INTEGRITY, COLLABORATION, RESPECT, LEADERSHIP

DATE: October 5, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Resolution Number 10-05-2026-A, to Establish Road Closures and Temporary Parking Modifications Along State Route 49 for the 43rd Annual Historic Downtown Sonora Christmas Parade.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Approval of Resolution Number 10-05-2026-A, Authorizing the Closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street) and Certain City Streets and Designating Temporary “No Parking” Zones for the 43rd Annual Historic Downtown Christmas Parade; Release the Three-hour Parking Restrictions from Monday, November 16, 2026 Through Friday, January 1, 2027, Within the Downtown Corridor; and Request the Mayor or Vice Mayor Represent the City in the Christmas Parade.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The City of Sonora’s 43rd Annual Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, November 27, 2026. The City has organized and staffed this community event since 1996. This City event has become an annual tradition for our community and thousands of visitors to Sonora. The number of entries typically ranges from 65 to 100, and the parade lasts approximately one and a half hours, beginning at 6:00 pm.

The parade will start on School Street, then turn south (left) onto Snell Street. It will travel south on Snell Street to State Route 49 (Washington Street). The parade will then enter southbound State Route 49 (Washington Street) and will travel to the intersection of S. Washington Street and Restano Way, where participants will disembark and disperse.

Due to the size and duration of the parade, and the interruption of a State Highway for the parade, a resolution is required from the City Council authorizing the temporary closure of State Route 49 (Washington Street) and specific City streets. Parking along the parade route will be restricted starting at 4:00 pm to safely accommodate parade entries and pedestrians. Tuolumne County Transit will provide trolley service from the Junction Shopping Center to Lyons Street at Steward Street from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, free to the public.

Three-hour parking restrictions are historically lifted to encourage and accommodate holiday shopping in the downtown corridor. These temporary parking enforcement changes are reflected in the attached resolution.



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FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs associated with the Christmas Parade are included in the respective 2026/2027 departmental budgets.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 10-05-2026-A

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Infrastructure and Engineering, Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Economic Development/Growth and General Plan