



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 18 for 2026 – Harvest Festival 14th Avenue Closure

Preferred Agenda: September 22, 2026

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Type of Action: Motion ☐ Resolution ☒ Reading ☐

Relevant Code/Policy: SHMC 10.04.030 Powers of the City Council

Towards Council Goal: Economic Strength

Attachments: Resolution No. 18 for 2026
Road Closure Notification
2026 Harvest Festival Vendor Application

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to request City Council approval of the attached Resolution authorizing a temporary street closure during the Harvest Festival at Sankey Park on October 3, 2026. The closure is intended to enhance safety by reducing interactions between pedestrians and vehicles during the event.

Background/Context:

The 20th Annual Harvest Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2026, at Sankey Park on 14th Avenue. A large turnout of attendees and vendors is anticipated, with vendors setting up in the park prior to the event. To improve safety, it is recommended that through traffic be rerouted away from the area, while still allowing residential access.

Festival participants will be directed to park in nearby lots, with additional parking available in the upper Sankey Park area. Vendors will use designated parking lots, and accessible parking for disabled participants will be provided in the northern lot near the bridge.

If the closure is approved, letters will be sent to residents along 14th Avenue notifying them of the event and closure. Traffic on Hawthorne, Grape, and Fir Streets would remain unaffected.

The Challenge/Problem:

How to ensure participant safety during the Harvest Festival by temporarily closing 14th Avenue from just south of Grape Street to the Ames Creek Bridge. Nearby residents will be notified of the closure.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

- Residents adjacent to the closure: All nearby residents will be notified in advance.
- Financial impact: The street closure will not add any additional cost to the event.
- Police Department: Will be notified to address any potential traffic issues.
- Fire Department: Will be notified to ensure availability of services if needed.
- City staff: Will assist with event setup, delivery and removal of signage and equipment, and site teardown, as they have in past years.
- Community and Economic Development Department: Responsible for organizing and hosting the event in partnership with other City departments.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

Prioritize attendee safety while minimizing inconvenience to nearby residents.

Options:

1. Do nothing: traffic will continue on 14th Avenue as normal.
2. Move to approve Resolution No. 18 for 2026 as proposed: Adopt the Resolution with no modifications.
3. Move to approve Resolution No. 18 for 2026 with amendments: City Council may propose revisions to the Resolution for approval.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option #2: Move to approve Resolution No. 18 for 2026 as proposed.