



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Resolution No. 25, Harvest Festival 14th Avenue Road Closure

Preferred Agenda: September 26, 2023

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Type of Action: Resolution X Motion X Roll Call Other

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

Towards Council Goal: N/A

Attachments: Resolution
Road Closure Notification
Special Events Application

Purpose of this RCA:

Request for City Council to adopt the attached Resolution concerning a temporary street closure during the Harvest Festival at Sankey Park on October 7, 2023. The closure would improve safety allowing Harvest Festival visitors an area with reduced interactions between pedestrians and vehicles.

Background/Context:

The 17th Annual Harvest Festival event is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Sankey Park on 14th Avenue. Staff is expecting a large turnout of attendees as well as many vendors who will be setting up in the park area prior to the event. It is recommended that pass-thru traffic be rerouted away from this area. Residential access would be allowed. Participants would be instructed to park in parking lots nearby and the City will open upper Sankey Park to use as a parking lot for the event. Vendors would be instructed to park in the designated parking lots. Handicapped participants shall be directed to the northern parking lot by the bridge.

If approved, letters will be sent to the homes along 14th Avenue informing them of this event and the subsequent closure. Traffic would continue to be allowed along Hawthorne, Grape and Fir Streets.

The Challenge/Problem:

Ensuring the safety of participants during the Harvest Festival by closing 14th Avenue from just below Grape Street to the Ames Creek Bridge. Residents in the area shall be notified of the closure.

Stakeholders:

- City of Sweet Home residents located around Sankey Park.
- Participants, families, and vendors attending the event.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

- Residents Adjacent to the Street Closure – Residents in the area would be notified of the closure.
- Closing the street would add no financial cost to the event.
- Police Department – notified of event for possible traffic issues.
- Fire Department – notified of the event in case services are needed.
- Street Department – staff has helped during past events with set up of event site, delivering signage and equipment, picking up signage and tear down of the event.
- Community and Economic Development Department – organizing and hosting the event in partnership with other City departments.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

Consideration of safety for event attendees, while not inconveniencing local neighbors for a significant length of time.

Options:

1. Do Nothing – traffic will continue on 14th Avenue as normal.
2. Approve Resolution No. 25 for 2023 as presented concerning street closures for the 2023 Harvest Festival.
3. Recommend different traffic control methods on 14th Avenue. Staff would work with the Sweet Home Police Department and the Public Works Department to revise the traffic control plan.

Recommendation:

Staff Recommends Option 2: Resolution No. 25 for 2023 as presented concerning street closures and restrictions for the 2023 Harvest Festival.