



# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Title:** Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 6 for 2026 – Sweet Home High School May Day Parade

**Preferred Agenda:** April 28, 2026

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**Reviewed By:** Cecily Pretty, Deputy City Manager

**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. 6 for 2026  
Special Event Permit Application  
Parade Permit Application

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**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 Sweet Home High School May Day Parade on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2026. The closure is intended to enhance safety by reducing interactions between pedestrians and vehicles during the event.

**Background/Context:**

This will be the first year the City has implemented street closures for the Sweet Home High School May Day Parade. Although a closure was requested in the previous year, the sponsoring organization did not submit a Special Event Application in time to allow for Council approval.

For 2026, the event organizers have submitted the necessary materials. The event is scheduled as follows:

- **Set-up time:** 1:00 PM
- **Event start time:** 1:15 PM
- **Event end time:** 1:30 PM

The sponsoring organization is Sweet Home High School, and participation is expected to include approximately 700 students.

The parade will be led by a color guard coordinated through the local veterans club, with police requested to provide escort support at the front and rear of the procession.

**The Challenge/Problem:**

How to ensure participant and public safety during the Sweet Home High School May Day Parade by temporarily closing portions of Long Street and adjacent intersections along the parade route from 15th Avenue to 22nd Avenue.

**Issues and Financial Impacts:**

Potential impacts include temporary traffic disruptions along Long Street and adjacent intersections, as well as the need for coordinated traffic control to ensure participant and public safety. Police and Public Works staff will be required to assist with traffic control, barricade placement, and parade escort. Associated costs are limited to staff time and use of existing equipment and are expected to be absorbed within current departmental budgets.

**Elements of a Stable Solution:**

Prioritize participant and public safety while minimizing traffic disruptions during the event.

**Options:**

1. Do nothing: The City would not approve the temporary street closures, and the Sweet Home High School May Day Parade would not be permitted to utilize public streets as proposed. The event would need to be modified, relocated, or canceled.
2. Move to approve Resolution No. 6 for 2026 as proposed: Adopt the Resolution authorizing temporary street closures along Long Street and adjacent intersections on May 15, 2026, to accommodate the Sweet Home High School May Day Parade.
3. Move to approve Resolution No. 6 for 2026 with amendments: Adopt the Resolution with modifications as directed by City Council, which may include changes to the approved route, duration, or traffic control measures.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends option #2: Move to approve Resolution No. 6 for 2026 as proposed.