

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST A FESTIVAL PERMIT  
FOR JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION  
IN SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners has received a request that they undertake the formal steps necessary for the citizens of Sylva, North Carolina to conduct a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in the downtown area on Main Street (NC 107/US 23 BUS.) and Mill Street, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, from 5:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Sylva that they act favorably on said request and formally notify the NC Department of Transportation for the closing of said streets at said times for the conducting of a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in Sylva, North Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The North Carolina Department of Transportation be advised that the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to serve as the sponsoring governmental entity for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration to be held in Sylva, North Carolina on Saturday, July 4, 2026, from 5:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M., with no rain date and at the location of downtown Sylva on Mill Street.
2. That the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners agrees to be the governmental entity making a request for the closing of said streets at said times and for obtaining compliance with those requirements of the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the conducting of said celebration and the rerouting traffic during those times when said streets are closed.
3. The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners accepts full responsibility for the special event and recognizes that the Town of Sylva will be responsible for safety, traffic flow, traffic control, signage, and ensuring that decorations and all debris will be removed following the event.
4. Social District: During the Independence Day Celebration, only July 4, 2025, social district hours will be extended until 10:30 P.M.

Date: July 4, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Route Description: The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration will take place in the downtown area of Mill Street.

Keener Street will be closed from the intersection of Savannah Drive to the intersection of Jackson Street. Traffic traveling East coming into town on West Main Street (US 23) will be diverted up Savannah Drive where it will then follow the detour by turning left behind the Jackson County Library. The detour will continue behind the library passing Ridgeway Street and onto Keener Street. As traffic travels down the hill on Keener Street it will be diverted right onto Jackson Street. From Jackson Street, Main Street can be accessed from Landis, Spring, or Evalina Street.

Keener Street between Savannah Drive and Jackson Street at the fountain and the portion of Main Street (US 23B) located on the 700 block will be closed due to heavy pedestrian traffic.

In the event excess traffic warrants a full closure, the following will take place:

Mill Street will be closed from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. from the intersection of Allen Street to the intersection of Grindstaff Cove Road. Railroad Avenue will be closed from the intersection of Allen Street to the intersection of Grindstaff Cove Road. All traffic on both streets will be rerouted from Allen Street to Grindstaff Cove Road for the celebration. Chipper Curve Road will be closed from the intersection of Harold Street to the intersection of Highway 107. Municipal Drive will be closed from the intersection of Highway 107 to the intersection of Allen Street.

Spring Street, Landis Street, and Schulman Street will be closed between Mill Street and Main Street. Savannah Drive will be closed from the Jackson County Library to Main Street.

Adopted this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

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Johnny Phillips, Mayor  
Town of Sylva

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Amanda W. Murajda, Town Clerk  
Town of Sylva