



ORDINANCE #2026-03-01
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA POTATO FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, the City Council of Elizabeth City acknowledges a long tradition of providing an annual springtime festival for the pleasure of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Elizabeth City acknowledges its citizens realize a financial benefit from holding the annual North Carolina Potato Festival event; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Elizabeth City acknowledges the festival event requires approximately six days to install signing and traffic control, amusement and entertainment structures and equipment, food and other vendors, and other attractions, and also requires approximately ten (10) hours for removing same, and litter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Elizabeth City pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that they do hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day(s) and times set forth below on the following described portion of a **State Highway System route**:

- **Date(s) and Times:** 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2026 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2026.
- **Route Description(s):** S Water/Southern Avenue Street (SR 34/1164) between E Ehringhaus Street (US Business Highway 17) and Shepard Street; E Ehringhaus Street, eastbound lanes from S McMorrine Street to S Water Street (SR 34/1164)
- **Date(s) and Times:** 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2026 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2026.
- **Route Description(s):** E Ehringhaus Street (US Business Highway 17), all lanes from McMorrine Street to S Water Street; S Water Street (SR 34/1164) from E Ehringhaus Street (US Business Highway 17) to E Church Street
- **Date(s) and Times:** 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2026 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2026.
- **Route Description(s):** North and South Water Street (SR 34/1164) from E Church Street to E Colonial Avenue; Water Street southbound lane from Elizabeth Street to Colonial Avenue.

SECTION I. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance to become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the event, and implementation of adequate traffic control to guide through vehicles around the event parameters.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, or part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then it is expressly provided and it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City in passing this Ordinance that its parts shall be severable and all other parts of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and they shall remain in full force and effect.

READ, CONSIDERED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, during which a quorum was present, held on the 9th day of March 2026.

Edward Kirk Rivers

E. Kirk Rivers

Mayor

Attest:

April D. Onley

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk



