



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Montique McClary, Interim City Manager

Date: October 10, 2022

Re: Consideration – Street Closing Request Involving State Roadways within Municipal Corporate Limits

BACKGROUND:

As of July 31, 2015, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) established guidelines concerning authorization to close a State roadway so as to conduct a special event. The policy recognizes that counties and municipalities have the statutory authority to hold events that they sponsor or are responsible for, and thereby, can adopt a local ordinance declaring the purpose, date and duration for the closing of a local roadway or a State roadway within the local jurisdiction. This type of ordinance does not require a public hearing. Advance notice and a copy of the adopted ordinance must be provided to the Division office.

ANALYSIS:

In October, the City Manager's Office received an SEP from ECSU with request to close an NCDOT controlled roadway for the Elizabeth City Veterans Day Event, which will take place at Veterans Park. As the City of Elizabeth City is partnering with ECSU for this event, we are issuing the request to close the following streets, or portions thereof, beginning 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th, 2022:

- North Water Street from the East Colonial Avenue intersection, eastward to the corner of Elizabeth Street.

All roadways and public spaces are planned to be reopened by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th, 2022.

Staff will send the requisite advance notice to NCDOT. City personnel and regional agencies will be coordinating emergency response, alternative vehicular traffic routes, and safe pedestrian activity for the duration of the event.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, adopt the attached ordinance declaring street closings for the Elizabeth City Veterans Day Event.



ORDINANCE #2022-10-01

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE
ELIZABETH CITY VETERANS DAY EVENT**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Elizabeth City acknowledges a long tradition of providing community-wide events for the pleasure of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Elizabeth City acknowledges its citizens realize a financial benefit from holding community-engaging events; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Elizabeth City acknowledges the festival event requires approximately one hour to install signing and traffic control, amusement and entertainment structures and equipment, food and other retail vendors, and other attractions, and also requires approximately one hour 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:	Thursday, November 10, 2022
Time Duration:	11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Route Description:	North Water Street from the East Colonial Avenue intersection, eastward to the corner Elizabeth Street

This ordinance to become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the parade, and implementation of adequate traffic control to guide through vehicles around the parade route.

SECTION I. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance, as revised herein shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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 10th day of October, 2022.

E. Kirk Rivers
Mayor

Attest:

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk