

City of Blaine
Request for Council Action
Meeting Date: August 10, 2020

Subject: Resolution 1828-20 Approving the Temporary Closure of Select Parking Spaces within the Peace Portal Drive right-of-way

Department: Community Development Services

Prepared By: _____
(Digital Signature)

Agenda Location: Consent Agenda Council Action Unfinished Business

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution 1828-20
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Background/Summary:

The Community Development Services Department (“CDS” or “the Department”) is developing and supporting multiple economic development programs designed to provide financial and material support to local Blaine businesses impacted by the partial economic shutdown resulting from COVID-19. The attached draft resolution (**Attachment 1**) proposes a program to continue that support by permitting the temporary closure of select parking spaces adjacent to the 600 and 700 blocks of Peace Portal Drive (State Highway 548). The temporary closures may facilitate local downtown businesses ability to expand their operations outside in response to the continued social-distancing requirements necessitated by COVID-19.

On July 30, 2020, the Department submitted an application to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to temporarily close the select parking spaces described above. CDS anticipates approval of this request. Subsequent to WSDOTs approval, the temporary closures will be facilitated pursuant to an interlocal agreement between the City and the State.

Attachment 1 is a draft Resolution for the Council to approve the temporary closures vis-à-vis authorization of the City Manager to enter into the anticipated interlocal agreement with WSDOT.

Budget Implications: Current Budget New Budget Request Non-Budgetary

No budget impact beyond the allocation of staff time and Department resources is anticipated subsequent to approval of the proposed temporary parking space closures.

ATTACHMENT 1

CITY OF BLAINE RESOLUTION NO. 1828-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SELECT PARKING SPACES ADJACENT TO PEACE PORTAL DRIVE FOR THE OUTDOOR EXPANSION OF BUSINESSES PURSUANT TO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City of Blaine (“the City”) issued a Declaration of Local Emergency pursuant to Resolution 1800-20 in response to the Washington State Governor’s Proclamation 20-25 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the City has and continues to develop and support economic development programs that provide post-pandemic financial and material support to local Blaine businesses;

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2020, the Community Development Services Department (“CDS” or “the Department”) presented to City Council a proposal to submit an application to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to request temporary closure of select parking spaces adjacent to the 600 and 700 blocks of Peace Portal Drive (State Highway 548);

WHEREAS, the proposed temporary parking space closures may facilitate local downtown businesses ability to expand their services and products outside, in response to the continued required minimization of close human-to-human contact resulting from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, the City submitted an application to WSDOT for the temporary closure of the select parking spaces;

WHEREAS, WSDOT’s anticipated approval of the City’s request shall be executed pursuant to an interlocal agreement between the State and the City of Blaine; and

WHEREAS, the Blaine City Manager intends to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with WSDOT to enable the closure of the select parking spaces adjacent to Peace Portal Drive, and support local businesses that desire to expand their operations outside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Blaine, Washington does hereby implement the temporary closure of select parking spaces on Peace Portal Drive for the outdoor expansion of businesses pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of Blaine at a regular meeting held this 10th day of August, 2020.

CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON

Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

Samuel Crawford, City Clerk