



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: May 19, 2025

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Agenda Item: Resolution – TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A STATE-MAINTAINED
ROADWAY FOR A PUBLIC EVENT

Explanation: Please find enclosed in your City Council packets for your review and deliberation a City of Washington resolution that authorizes the partial closure of the Washington Square / Illinois Business Route 24 on Thursday, December 4, 2025, for the “Candlelight Stroll.”

Your approval of this resolution is required in order to receive permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to partially close the Square.

Fiscal Impact: Requires the expenditure of overtime for both Public Works and Police for traffic control and signage.

Action Requested: Deliberation and decision.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A STATE – MAINTAINED ROADWAY FOR A PUBLIC EVENT

WHEREAS, The City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the “Candlelight Stroll” public event, which constitutes a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the “Candlelight Stroll” will require the temporary, partial closure of the Washington Square and Illinois Business Route 24, a State of Illinois Highway in the City of Washington, to wit, the north side of Washington Square, from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 – 408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporary close portions of state highways for such public purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWEILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that permission to partially close Illinois Business Route 24 at the Washington Square as above designated be requested of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the closure shall occur during the approximate time period between 4:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 4, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for a public purpose of a “Candlelight Stroll” public event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of the highway shall be detoured over routes with an all-weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the state highway. The route shall be as follows: W/B Illinois Business Route 24 traffic will be routed N/B at Pine Street to Jefferson Street then diverted W/B on Jefferson Street to S/B Wood Street then back W/B on Illinois Business Route 24. E/B Illinois Business Route 24 traffic will not be affected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Police Officers, at the expense of the City of Washington, be positioned at each end of the closed section and other points as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such signs, flags, barricades, etc. shall be used by the City of Washington as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the City of Washington

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the closure and detour shall be marked in accordance with the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Street and Highways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Washington hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing of the described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Washington shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 dollars per person and \$500,000.00 aggregate which has the State of Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees and agents as insureds and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this RESOLUTION be forwarded the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by City Council of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois this 19th day of May, 2025, A.D.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk