



PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

ROOM 0041, LOWER LEVEL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. RECIEVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from August 26, 2026

4. BUSINESS

A. Review and take action: Special Event - D. Leija Trunk or Treat

B. Review and take action: Special Event - Cruisin for Critters

C. Review and take possible action: S. Eighth Street Parking Restriction

D. Review and take possible action: S. Sixth Street One-Way to Two-Way Conversion

E. Review and take possible action: 700 Block S. Sixth Street Parking Restriction

F. Review and take possible action: Bailey Street Stop Signs

G. Review and take action: Amend Section 253-23 Fire Protection Systems ordinance

H. Review and take possible action: Establishment of Permanent Agenda Items for Public Safety & Welfare Committee Meetings

I. Review and take possible action: 410-11 C. Motorized vehicles prohibited on sidewalks

J. Review and discuss: Potential Establishment of Residency Requirements for Individuals on the Sex Offender Registry

5. ADJOURN

Persons requiring other reasonable accommodations for any of the above meetings, may contact the office of the City Clerk at cityclerk@watertownwi.gov phone 920-262-4000

A quorum of any City of Watertown Council, Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, may be present at this meeting for observing and gathering of information only

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

August 26, 2026

5:05 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present	Also in Attendance	Citizens Present
- Dana Davis, Chair - Rita Haase - Jonathan Lampe - Brad Blanke	- Chief Brower - Andrew Beyer - Nathan Williams	- Ian Pilak - Marcia Seelman - Josh Mueller - Meredith Degner

2. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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- Ian Pilak – Consider switching the parking on 8th street from the west side to the east side when the road is converted from one-way to two-way to accommodate church parking.
- Marcia Seelman – Parking concerns 7th and Main during 2028 reconstruction.
- Pastor Ray Bezanson – Concerns about church parking when 8th street is converted from one-way to two-way.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Review and take action: Minutes from August 5, 2026
[08.05.2026 Public Safety Minutes.pdf](#) (0.26 MB)

MOTION: Approve the PS&W minutes from August 5, 2026.
 (Lampe/Haase/Unanimous Approval)

4. BUSINESS

MOTION: Amend the agenda to move H. to the bottom of the Agenda.
 (Davis/Lampe/Unanimous Approval)

- A. Review and take action: Special Event - Wine Walk
- a. [MEMO WINE WALK.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
 - b. [2026-23 APPLICATION_Redacted.pdf](#) (1.12 MB)
 - c. [2026-23 MAP.pdf](#) (0.73 MB)

MOTION: Approve the Special Event – Wine Walk (Blanke/Haase/Unanimous Approval)

- B. Review and take action: Special Event - Celebrating Warming Shelter
- a. [MEMO CELEBRATING WARMING SHELTER.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
 - b. [2026-25 APPLICATION_Redacted.pdf](#) (1.30 MB)

- c. [2026-25 MAP.pdf](#) (1.18 MB)

MOTION: Approve Special Event – Celebrating Warming Shelter from Building a Welcoming Watertown (Blanke/Lampe/Unanimous Approval)

C. Review and take action: Special Event - Freedom Ride

- a. [MEMO FREEDOM RIDE.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
- b. [2026-27 APPLICATION_Redacted.pdf](#) (1.25 MB)
- c. [2026-27 FULL ROUTE MAP.pdf](#) (2.61 MB)

MOTION: The Freedom Ride from B-Cause We Care, does not meet the parameters of “Special Event” as defined in 428-7. (Davis/Blanke/Unanimous Approval)

- Does not interfere with the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or the normal lawful use of public property.
- No exclusive use of all or part of the City-owned facilities, buildings, parks, etc.
- Not held in a public building or public park
- Will not close a public street, alley, etc.
- Will not require extraordinary services by any City Department

D. Review and take action: Special Event - Calvary Concert on the Square

- a. [MEMO CALVARY CONCERT ON THE SQUARE.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
- b. [2026-24 APPLICATION.pdf](#) (1.47 MB)
- c. [2026-24 MAP.pdf](#) (0.90 MB)

MOTION: Approve Calvary Concert on the Square (Lampe/Haase/Unanimous Approval)

E. Review and take action: Special Event - WUSD Homecoming Parade

- a. [MEMO WUSD HOMECOMING PARADE.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
- b. [2026-22 APPLICATION_Redacted.pdf](#) (1.30 MB)
- c. [2026-22 MAP.pdf](#) (0.38 MB)

MOTION: Approve Homecoming Parade from Watertown High School (Lampe/Blanke/Unanimous Approval)

F. Review and take action: Special Event - Run Turkey Run

- a. [MEMO RUN TURKEY RUN.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
- b. [2026-26 APPLICATION_Redacted.pdf](#) (1.22 MB)
- c. [2026-26 MAP.pdf](#) (0.32 MB)

MOTION: Approve Run Turkey Run with the stipulation that the organization needs to submit an updated certificate of insurance (COI) ten days prior to the event. (Blanke/Lampe/Unanimous Approval)

G. Review and take action: TDORA - Blocktoberfest

- a. [2026 BLOCKTOBERFEST TDORA APP.pdf](#) (1.86 MB)
- b. [BLOCKTOBERFEST COMPLIANCE INFORMATION EMAIL.pdf](#) (0.07 MB)
- c. [Blocktoberfest 2026 TDORA Event Area.pdf](#) (0.97 MB)
- d. [Blocktoberfest 2026 Tenant Access and Alternate Parking.pdf](#) (0.65 MB)
- e. [TDORA Cup Identifier Local Waters.pdf](#) (0.43 MB)
- f. [TDORA Cup Identifier Drafty Cellar.pdf](#) (0.44 MB)

g. [2026-13 Approval Letter.pdf](#) (0.13 MB)

MOTION: Approve TDORA – Blocktoberfest (Lampe/Blanke/Unanimous Approval)

I. Review and take possible action: S. Eighth Street 200 Block Parking Restriction

- o [MEMO Eighth Street Parking Restriction.pdf](#) (1.13 MB)
- o [S Eighth Street - Parking Restriction.pdf](#) (0.94 MB)

MOTION: Request Engineering to research the possibility of moving the parking on S. 8th Street from the west side to the east side from Market to Wisconsin, notify residents of the possibility and bring the item back to the next Public Safety & Welfare Committee meeting with recommendations. (Lampe/Blanke/Unanimous Approval)

J. Review and take possible action: S. Seventh Street One-Way to Two-Way Conversion

- o [MEMO Seventh Street One-Way to Two-Way Conversion.pdf](#) (1.14 MB)
- o [Site Map.pdf](#) (1.31 MB)

MOTION: Convert S. 7th Street from Jefferson Street to Western Avenue from one-way to two-way and add parking to the east side of the street from Jefferson to Market in the month of May 2027 and no later than May 31st.

K. Review and take possible action: S. Seventh Street Parking - Jefferson Street to Western Avenue
No action taken.

L. Review and take action: Ordinance to create section 410-33(H) Camping Prohibited on City Property of the City of Watertown General Ordinances

- a. [410-33\(H\) Camping Prohibited on City Property DRAFT 08.19.2026.pdf](#) (0.02 MB)

MOTION: Forward to Council with positive recommendation.
(Blanke/Haase/Unanimous Approval)

H. Review and take possible action: Chapter 428 Public Events of the City of Watertown General Ordinances

- o [MEMO to PSW.pdf](#) (1.14 MB)

DISCUSSION:

- o Alder Blanke requested that this item be brought to the committee for discussion. He noted that the PS&W committee routinely approves the Special Events and wondered if there would be a way to streamline the process so that “routine” Special Events could be approved by the City Clerk and no longer go to PS&W for approval. He mentioned that the time crunch caused by late applicants sometimes made the required approval by PS&W difficult to do prior to the scheduled event.
- o Alder Haase agreed that a streamlined approach would be good and that a goal should be to make it easy for organizers to host special events.
- o Alder Lampe recounted the history and challenges that led to the change in the Special Event requirements that moved approval authority from the City Clerk to the PS&W committee. He remembers being skeptical of the change

when it was made in 2024, but has now come to see the approval process by PS&W as a feature and an important requirement. He said that he is not convinced that the timing is right to return approval authority to the City Clerk.

- Alder Davis said that prior to 2019, special event applicants were approved by both the Licensing Board and the Council. In 2019, under the direction of Mayor McFarland and the Licensing Board, changes were made to the Special Event process to streamline it. One of those changes was to give the City Clerk authority to approve all special events. In 2023, demonstrations, at least one arrest and broad media coverage surrounded the Pride in the Park event. This led to significant feedback from residents of Watertown. One of the key realizations for residents, and some alders, was that the Special Event ordinance did not involve any elected officials in the approval process. When given the opportunity to deliberate, the Council requested that the Special Event ordinance be revised and that elected officials be a part of the approval process. The Special Event was revised and approved in 2024. The revised process requires PS&W approval for Special Events. Davis shared examples of the value added by the committee review process:
 - Improving event safety.
 - Catching errors.
 - Avoiding potential conflicts.
- The committee compiled the following feedback for the City Clerk.
 - The City Clerk memo was excellent and we appreciated the thorough review of the current special event process.
 - Please seriously investigate moving to an online form submission for the Special Event application. If a new software needs to be purchased, perhaps it can also be used in other departments (zoning, etc.) to move to online form submissions. Adding a payment portal would also be great.
 - Please consider ways that your office can work to optimize the paperwork process.
 - Please consider how the paperwork for repeat events can be streamlined.
 - **Wine Walks** - the Committee is comfortable with you presenting an ordinance change that would no longer require Wine Walks to complete a Special Event permit
 - Suggestion - "Wine Walks" that do not meet the parameters of "Special Event" as defined in 428-7 do not need to complete a Special Event Application
- The committee declined any further action.

- I. **ADJOURN** – Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Blanke and seconded by Lampe to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:49 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



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October 2, 2026

TO: Members of the Public Safety & Welfare Committee

The following application has been made for a Special Event Permit:

Trunk or treat from Daniel Leija to be held on October 10, 2026.

Estimated extraordinary charges from city departments include- Streets Total \$58.00 – For Class I & II barricades and Class III barricades.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

nf/MD



SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

New Event ☐ Repeat Event ☒ Date Received: 8-24-26 Date of Event: Oct. 10th, 2026 Fee Amount: \$ 50-

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of person, entity, or organization holding the special event:

Daniel Leija

Address: Street, City, State, Zip

Phone:

Email:

Website:

dgn-leija@yahoo.com

WatertownTrunkorTreat.com

☐ Non-profit Group ☐ For Profit ☒ Other, please describe: Individual Nonprofit Tax-Exempt Number

N/A

501(c)3, if applicable (include photocopy)

Is this the applicant's 1st special event application for the calendar year? Yes ☒ No ☐

Wisconsin Seller Permit Number: Sales Tax, if applicable (include photocopy) N/A

If the named applicant is not required to hold a Wisconsin Seller's Permit pursuant to s. 77.54 (7m), Wis. Stats., check this box ☒

EVENT INFORMATION:

Event Name: Watertown Trunk or Treat Event Date(s): October 10th, 2026

Event Location Address include parking locations and streets to be used if applicable:

110 South Votek Dr., Watertown, WI 53094

A DETAILED map is required upon submittal of application, is it included? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the event located in a City Park? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, do you have a park reservation? Yes ☐ No ☐ Park name: N/A

Is the event closing of a Street/Alley/Right-of-Way/Parking Lot? Yes ☒ No ☐

Will you need City Services for your event? Yes ☒ No ☐ for PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET

Is the event on private property? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, do you have written permission? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the event a city sponsored parade or celebrating a Federal Holiday? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please explain: N/A

Event start/end time: 5:00 PM / 8:30 PM Event set up/take down times: 3 PM / 8:30 P.M.

Total Attendance: # 600-750 Alcohol consumed, sold, or served? Yes ☐ No ☒ Vendors? Yes ☒ No ☐

Event Description (purpose, activity, who can participate, etc. Attach additional sheet if necessary.)

* please See ATTACHED sheet

Will your event be selling food? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, please explain: (Type of food and sold by who)

Watertown Citizen Police Academy Alumni will be selling Hot chocolate

MAIN EVENT ORGANIZER – PRIMARY CONTACT IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT:

Contact Name: First, Middle, Last

N/A

Address: Street, City, State, Zip

N/A

Phone:

N/A

Email:

N/A

OFFICE USE ONLY:

APPROVED ON:

PERMIT #

Indemnification and Hold Harmless

(Read carefully before signing!)

Section 4, Item A.

Indemnification: By signing below, I acknowledge that for good and valuable consideration, I (applicant), on behalf of myself and the organization, if applicable, agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Watertown and its officers, officials, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expenses and costs, including attorney fees, arising out of the activities performed as described herein, caused in whole or in part by any negligent act of omission of the applicant/organization, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone whose acts may be liable, except where caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City.

Certification: By signing below, I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and that I have reviewed and understand the City's Insurance Requirements and Ordinance for Special Events. My signature further confirms: (i) I understand the filing of this application does not ensure the issuance of a Special Event Permit; (ii) The special event application fee is non-refundable (iii) I will be responsible for ensuring the event and event participants comply with all applicable City ordinances, traffic rules, park rules, state health laws, fire codes, alcohol licensing regulations, and any other applicable laws, rules and regulation; (iv) Fees for park facilities, food vendor permits, fireworks permit, any other applicable City of Watertown permits or licenses, other municipal services and equipment, etc., are in addition to the Special Event Permit application fee; (v) I am authorized to apply for this Special Event Permit on behalf of the organization holding the event (if applicable). (vi) The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that intentionally providing false or misleading information in this application will be the basis for denial/revocation of the permit and may lead to civil or criminal penalties.

If there are any changes to the Special Event after submittal of the application, I agree to notify the City of Watertown of these changes for review.

Name of Applicant:

Dan Leija

Signature:

Dan Leija

Date: _____

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FEE & EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES

Application fee is due when the application is submitted and is nonrefundable if the event is cancelled. If the event is rescheduled for a date within 6-months, the application fee would apply to the rescheduled date; if the event is rescheduled for a date later than 6-months of the original event date the application fee is nonrefundable.

\$50.00 - first application for the year of the applicant if submitted 45 days or more prior to event date.

\$35.00 - each subsequent application of the applicant if submitted 45 days or more prior to event date.

(The fee is doubled if submitted less than 45 days prior to event date)

Extraordinary Services - measurable financial costs which are above and beyond the normal levels of public health and safety services on a nonevent day. See the special event fee schedule for more information. Extraordinary services do not include the provision of police protection against hostile individuals targeting the event's message or intentions.

The applicant is liable for and must pay to the city clerk the actual cost of all extraordinary services provided by the city and is required to pay 50% of the estimated extraordinary services prior to the special event with the remaining amount billed at the conclusion of the event. Sales tax will be added if applicable. By signing the applicant acknowledges that they have been made aware of this information.

Signature of Applicant:

Dan Leija

Date: _____

Submit Special Event Application and fee (cash or check) in person or by mail to:

City Clerk 106 Jones Street

PO Box 477

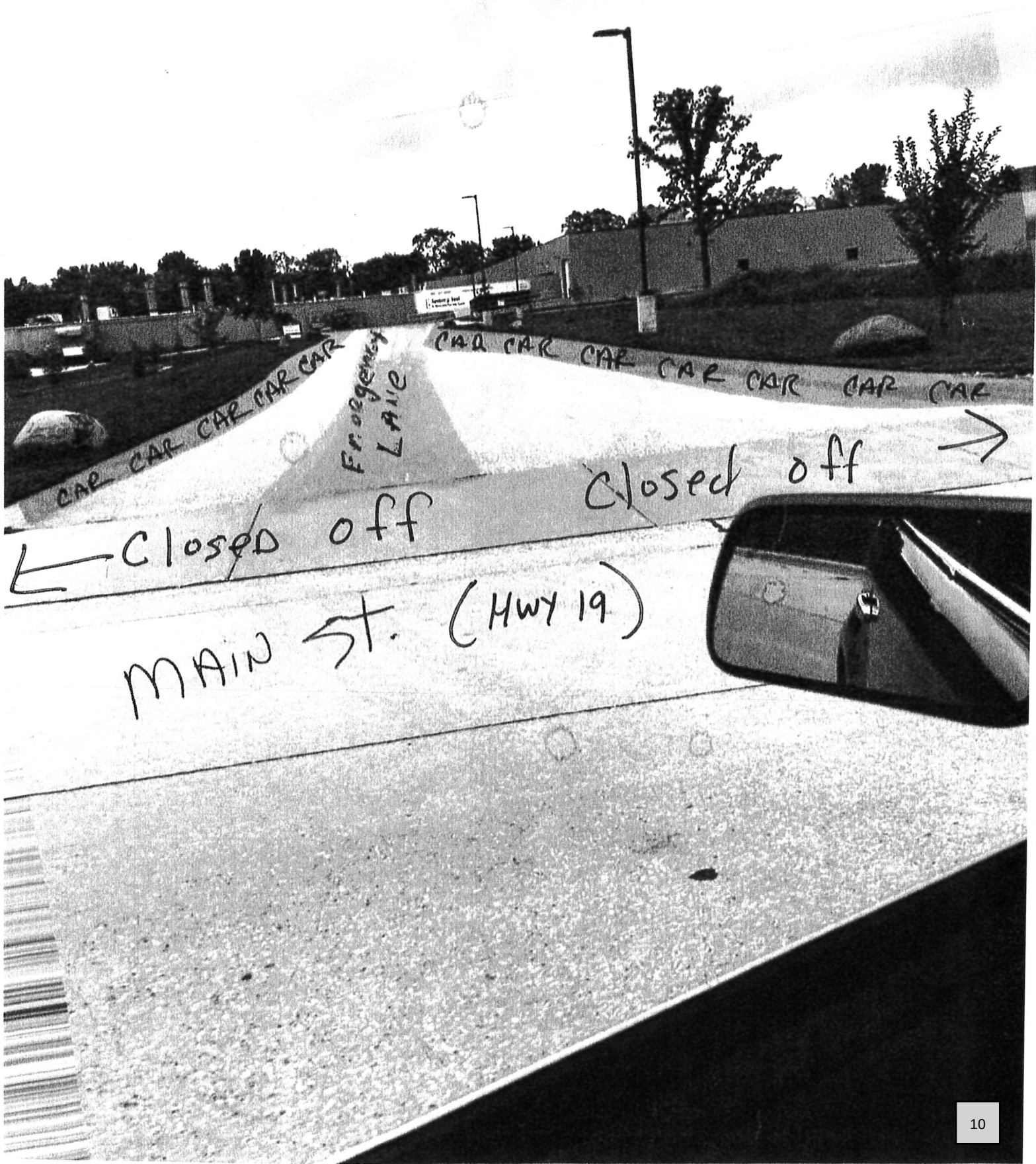
Watertown, WI 53094

Questions: 920-262-4010 or email cityclerk@watertownwi.gov

* Event Description *

* collect food Items for the
Local Food Pantries

* will HAVE Sensory friendly Hour, Too!



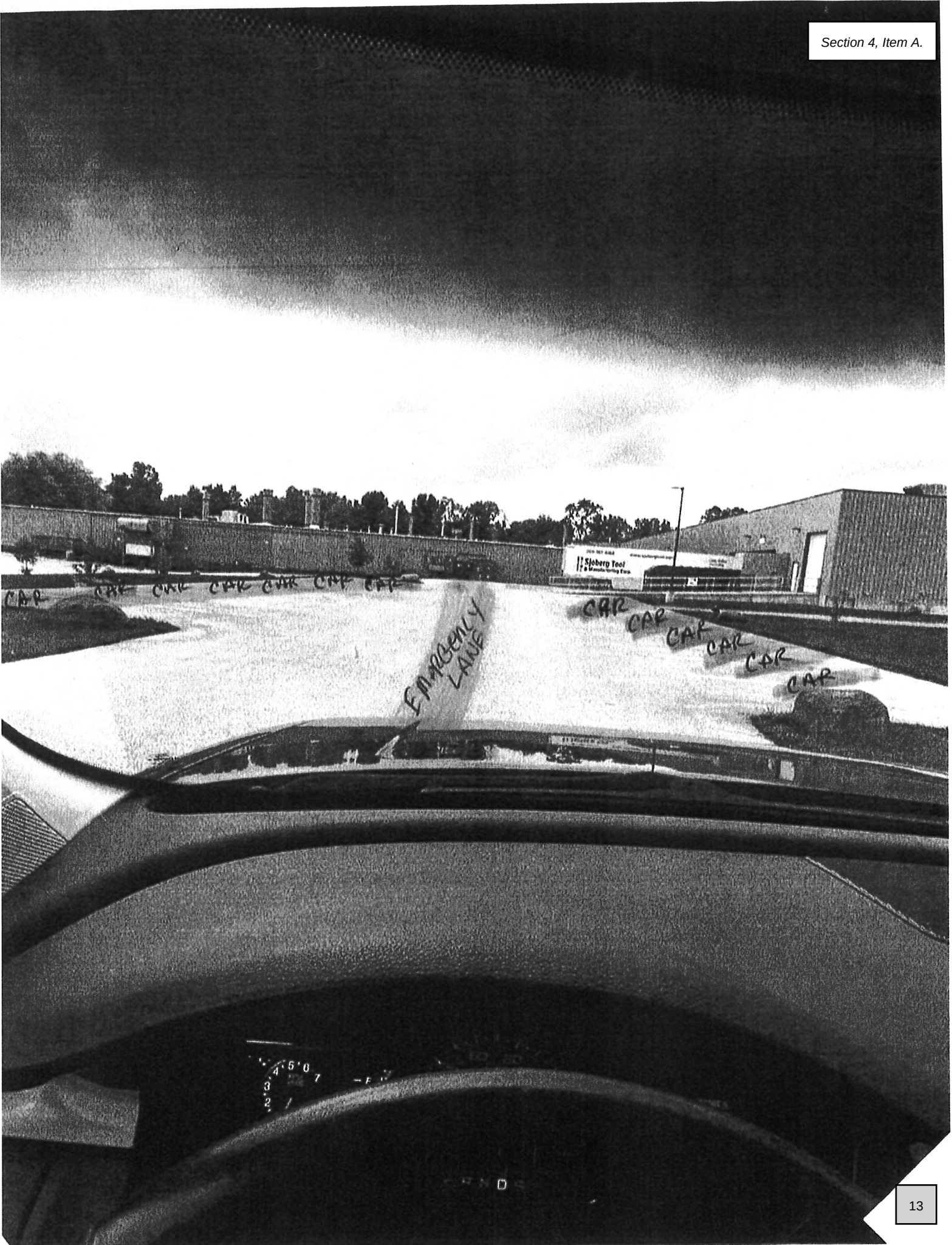
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October 2, 2026

TO: Members of the Public Safety & Welfare Committee

The following application has been made for a Special Event Permit:

Cruisin for Critters from Watertown Humane Society to be held on October 18, 2026.

There are no estimated extraordinary charges from any city departments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

nf/MD



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WATERTOWN

Opportunity runs through it.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION
 New Event ☒ Repeat Event ☐ Date Received: 9-10-2026 Date of Event: 10-18-26 Fee Amount: \$35
APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of person, entity, or organization holding the special event:

Watertown Humane Society

Address: Street, City, State, Zip

418 Water Tower Ct

Phone:

920-261-1270

Email:

manager@whsadopt.org

Website:

www.whsadopt.org
☒ Non-profit Group ☐ For Profit ☐ Other, please describe: Nonprofit Tax-Exempt Number
39-1097337

501(c)3, if applicable (include photocopy)

Is this the applicant's 1st special event application for the calendar year? Yes ☐ No ☒

Wisconsin Seller Permit Number: Sales Tax, if applicable (include photocopy)

If the named applicant is not required to hold a Wisconsin Seller's Permit pursuant to s. 77.54 (7m), Wis. Stats., check this box ☐**EVENT INFORMATION:**Event Name: Cruisin For CrittersEvent Date(s): Sunday Oct 18th

Event Location Address include parking locations and streets to be used if applicable:

A DETAILED map is required upon submittal of application, is it included? Yes ☐ No ☐Is the event located in a City Park? Yes ☐ No ☒If yes, do you have a park reservation? Yes ☐ No ☐ Park name: _____Is the event closing of a Street/Alley/Right-of-Way/Parking Lot? Yes ☐ No ☒Will you need City Services for your event? Yes ☐ No ☒ for _____Is the event on private property? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, do you have written permission? Yes ☒ No ☐Is the event a city sponsored parade or celebrating a Federal Holiday? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please explain:

Event start/end time: 11-4Event set up/take down times: 10-5Total Attendance: # 200Alcohol consumed, sold, or served? Yes ☒ No ☐ Vendors? Yes ☒ No ☐

Event Description (purpose, activity, who can participate, etc. Attach additional sheet if necessary.)

Car showWill your event be selling food? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, please explain: (Type of food and sold by who)Maria's Food Truck**MAIN EVENT ORGANIZER – PRIMARY CONTACT IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT:**

Contact Name: First, Middle, Last

Heather Ruth Vandam

Address: Street, City, State, Zip

Phone:

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If there are any changes to the Special Event after submittal of the application, I agree to notify the City of Watertown of these changes for review.

Name of Applicant: Heather R. Kanda Signature: Heather R. Kanda Date: 9/4/20

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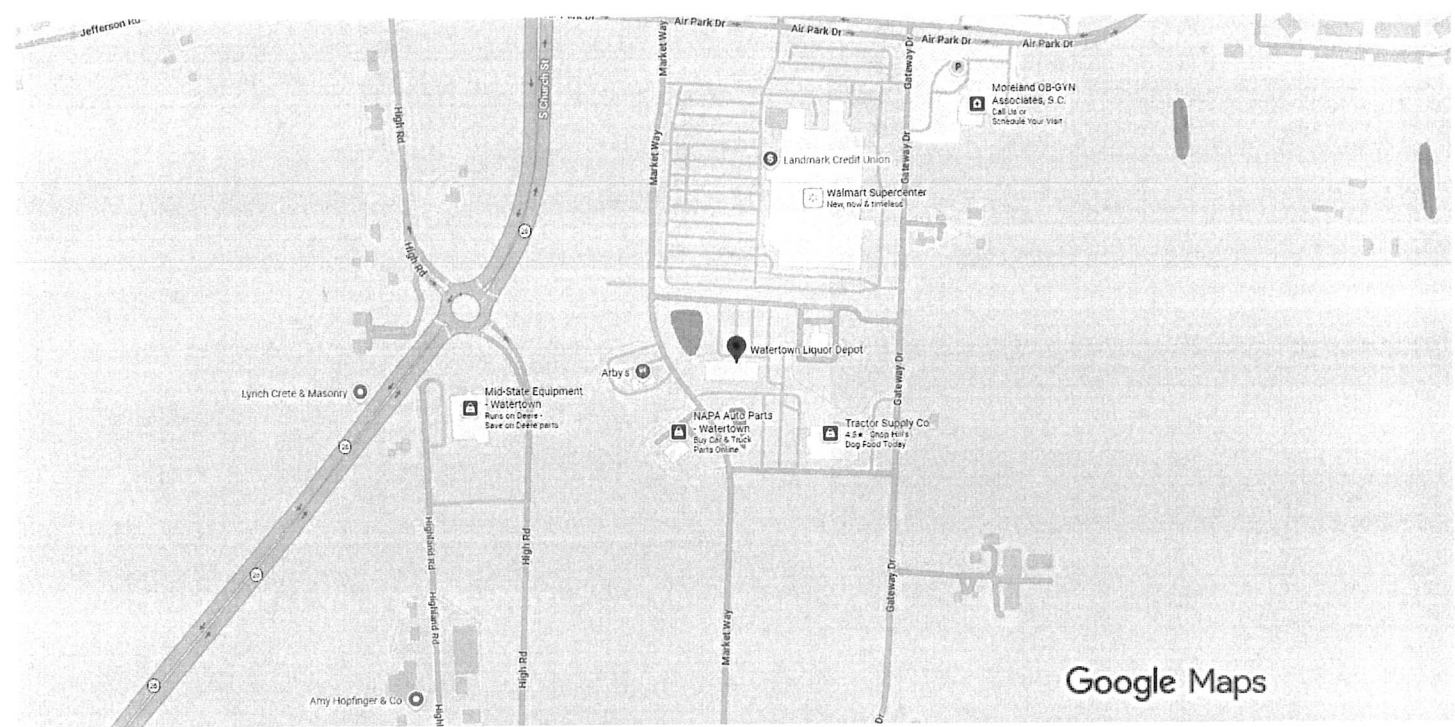
Signature of Applicant: Heather R. Kanda Date: 9/4/20

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Watertown Liquor Depot



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Watertown Liquor Depot

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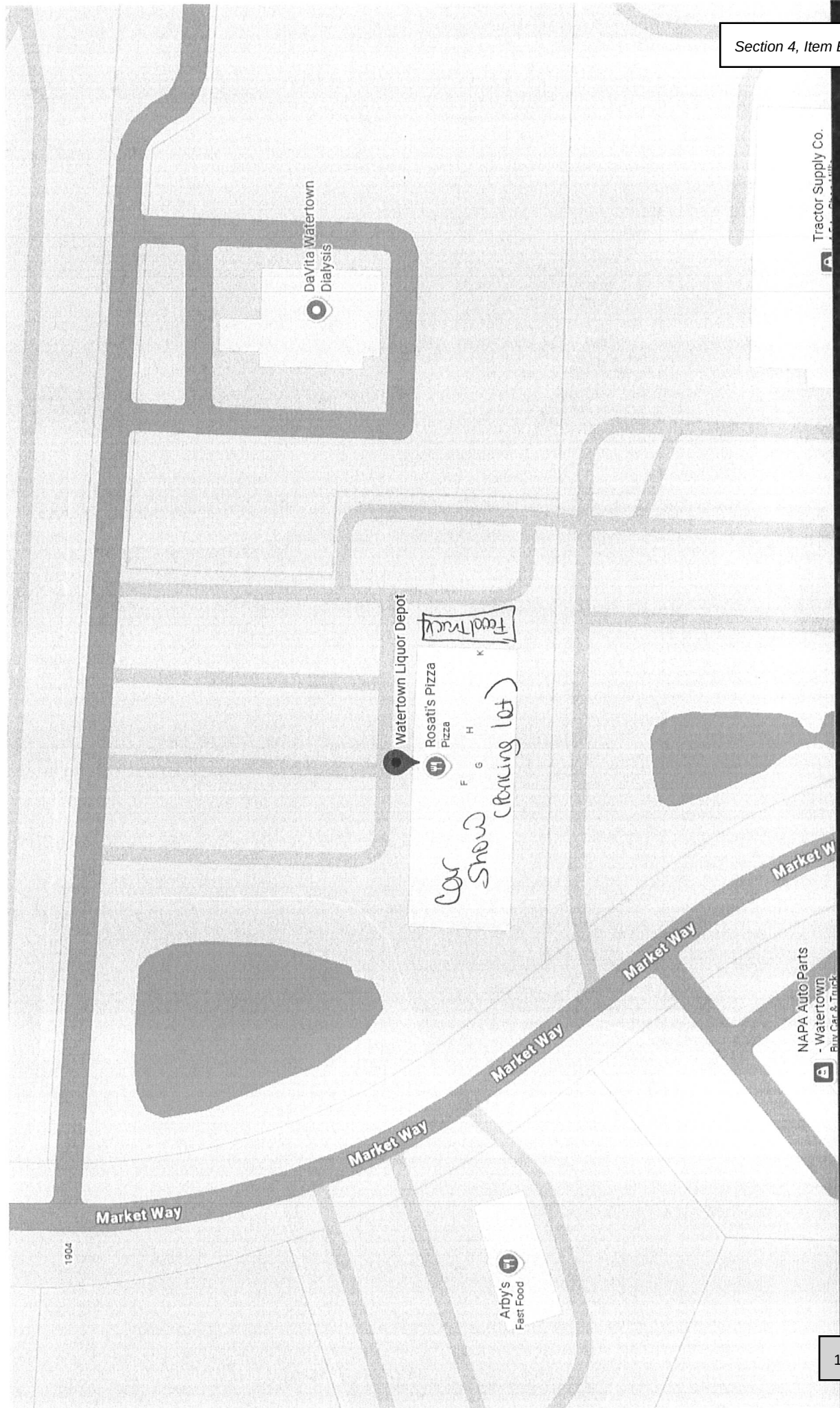
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Watertown Liquor Depot

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Section 4, Item B.

SFP Pool Eight, LLC

September 20, 2026

To whom it may concern,

SFP Pool Eight, LLC and its managing partner Schostak Brothers & Company, Inc. grants permission of use of the parking lot at the Watertown Shopping Center located at 1907 Market Way, Watertown, WI 53094 on October 18, 2026 from 11:00am to 4:00pm for a car show. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 248-357-6157 or by email at Phillips@schostak.com. Thank you,

SFP Pool Eight, LLC

By: Schostak Brothers & Company, Inc.

Its: Managing Agent



Nichole Phillips

Sr. Property Manager

To whom it may concern,

I am the owner of V Nails located at Unit E
and I grant permission for a car show on October 18, 2026 from 11am-4pm in the parking lot of
the Watertown Shopping Center located at 1907 Market Way, Watertown, WI 53094.

Thank you,

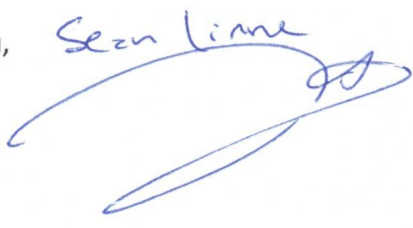


*requesting to have public
porta pottys.

V Nails

To whom it may concern,

I am the owner of Smoke World Vape located at 1407 Market Way
and I grant permission for a car show on October 18, 2026 from 11am-4pm in the parking lot of
the Watertown Shopping Center located at 1907 Market Way, Watertown, WI 53094.

Thank you, Sean Linn


Smoke World Vape

MEMO

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Davis

From: Nathan R. Williams, Civil Engineer I

Date: September 30, 2026

Subject: Public Safety and Welfare Meeting of October 7, 2026

Review and take possible action: S. Eighth Street Parking Restriction

Background

At the August 26th Public Safety and Welfare meeting, restricted parking on the 200 block of S Eighth Street was reviewed for the first time as a component of the broader proposed S Eighth Street one-way to two-way conversion. This arose due to the conflict between two-way operations and the existing parking restrictions between Market Street and Dodge Street. Currently, parking is allowed on the east side of the street on Sundays only.

This parking restriction would need to be altered to conformance with the rest of S Eighth Street, where parking is prohibited at all times on the east side of the roadway. The existing Sunday-only parking area is in conflict with the proposed northbound travel lane. Alternatively, the existing parking on the west side of the road can be shifted to the east side for this block, allowing closer access for patrons of the church at 213 S Eighth Street.

Additional on-street parking was added to the north of this area, on S Eighth Street between Main Street and Market Street. This is anticipated to help accommodate the increased parking demand in the area on Sundays, which is the presumed reason for the current parking exception.

Budget Goal

1. Create a community where all can feel safe and strive for economic success.
4. Involve those who are impacted before making decisions.

Financial Impact

No additional costs to the city are anticipated with this change.

MEMO

Recommendation

The Engineering Division recommends moving an ordinance forward regarding this topic in conjunction with the conversion ordinances. The proposed ordinance would remove the existing restriction on the east side of Eighth Street between Market Street and Dodge Street and replace it with a restriction that applies on each day of the week.

Alternatively, parking can be removed on the west side of Eighth Street between Market Street and Dodge Street, and parking can be added on the east side of the same block with no time/day restrictions.

Either of these options would be necessary should conversion of S Eighth Street to two-way traffic occur.

Attachments:

- Letter to Property Owners

September 30, 2026

Re: S. Eighth Street 200 Block Parking Restriction

Dear Residents,

We would like to inform you about a potential change to the parking regulations in the 200 block of S. Eighth Street, between Market Street and Dodge Street.

The City is considering modifying the existing parking restriction that currently permits on-street parking on the east side of S. Eighth Street on Sundays only. If approved, parking could be prohibited on the east side of this block at all times. Alternatively, allowed on-street parking has been proposed to be moved to the east side of this block, with no parking at any time on the west side of this block. This alternative option was discussed at the August 26th meeting, and the Committee wanted to notify residents affected prior to making their decision.

The Public Safety and Welfare Committee will be reviewing this change again on Wednesday, October 7th. There will be an opportunity for public comment, and we welcome any discussion and feedback regarding the proposed change in parking restrictions.

You are invited to attend the October 7, 2026 Public Safety and Welfare Committee meeting. It will be held at 5:00 P.M. in Room 0041 at City Hall, 106 Jones Street, Watertown, WI 53094. If you cannot attend and wish to provide feedback, please call (920) 262-4060 or email engineeringdept@watertownwi.gov.

We appreciate your participation as we consider this proposed change. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works.

Sincerely,
Andrew M. Beyer, P.E.
Public Works Director
City of Watertown

MEMO

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Davis

From: Nathan R. Williams, Civil Engineer I

Date: September 30, 2026

Subject: Public Safety and Welfare Meeting of October 7, 2026

Review and take possible action: S. Sixth Street One-Way to Two-Way Conversion

Background

The Public Safety and Welfare Committee has asked to review one one-way street at each monthly meeting. This is to evaluate each street in detail, as they were generally evaluated in the Downtown One-Way to Two-Way Street Conversion Study, prepared by engineering consultant raSmith. This month, Sixth Street, between Western Avenue and Jefferson Street, is under review. Letters were sent to property owners on September 23, 2026, informing them of the upcoming meeting and welcoming feedback regarding the proposed change.

Below is an excerpt from the raSmith study, regarding the pros and cons of street conversion:

One-Way

- + Higher vehicular capacity
- Faster travel speeds (less desirable in urban downtown setting)
- + Shorter travel times
- Potential for wrong-way movements
- + Simplified pedestrian crossings (cross one travel direction at a time)

Two-Way

- + Slower travel speeds
- Longer travel times
- + Simplified circulation for motorists
- + Improved business visibility
- + Fewer street signs
- + Improved conditions for vulnerable users with slower motor vehicle speeds

MEMO

Sixth Street between Milwaukee Street and Jefferson Street is 34' wide FOC to FOC (face of curb to face of curb), one-way with parking on both sides. Between Western Avenue and Milwaukee Street, Sixth Street is 27' wide at most, one-way with parking on both sides. As per the report prepared by raSmith, a minimum width of 28' FOC to FOC is acceptable for two-way traffic with parking on both sides in local, residential areas. To note, city subdivision standards require a minimum width of 34' FOC to FOC when parking is provided on both sides.

raSmith's analysis of Sixth Street is as follows:

"6th Street: All but one block has a width of 32 feet or greater and would operate as two-way with minimum 9-foot travel lanes in each direction and parking on both sides. The block between Western Avenue and Milwaukee Street has a width of 27 feet. Parking restrictions on one side of the street should be considered, or it would operate with no side-by-side opposing traffic (with traffic waiting for the opposing direction to clear) and parking on both sides."

There is a double-yellow marked centerline on S Sixth Street between Main Street and Jefferson Street, and the width in this area is also 34' wide FOC to FOC, with parking on both sides.

Budget Goal

1. Create a community where all can feel safe and strive for economic success.
4. Involve those who are impacted before making decisions.

Financial Impact

Should the street be converted without reconstruction, financial impact will be negligible and require only signage changes.

Should S Sixth Street between Western Avenue and Milwaukee Street be converted with reconstruction (initiated for the sole purpose of widening this block of street to standard city width for two-way traffic and parking on both sides of the street), costs are anticipated to be approximately \$75,000. This cost includes only new pavement and curb and gutter, and any improvements needed for storm, sanitary, and water could increase the overall cost to the city budget significantly. This block was last reconstructed in 2001.

MEMO

Recommendation

The Engineering Division recommends converting S Sixth Street from one-way to two-way traffic. The following are suggested options for motions to send the conversion to Common Council for review:

- Convert S Sixth Street from Jefferson Street to Western Avenue in the month of May 2027, no later than May 31st, with a recommendation to remove parking on the west side of S Sixth Street between Milwaukee Street and Western Avenue.
- Convert S Sixth Street from Jefferson Street to Milwaukee Street in the month of May 2027, no later than May 31st, and maintain one-way traffic operations between Milwaukee Street and Western Avenue until such a time that S Sixth Street from Milwaukee Street to Western Avenue can be reconstructed and widened to standard city width for two-way traffic and parking on both sides of the street.
- Hold conversion of S Sixth Street from Jefferson Street to Western Avenue until such a time that S Sixth Street from Western Avenue to Milwaukee Street can be reconstructed and widened to standard city width for two-way traffic and parking on both sides of the street.

Attachments:

- Site Map
- Letter to Property Owners









September 23, 2026

Re: S. Sixth Street one-way to two-way conversion

Dear Residents,

We would like to inform you about a potential traffic change affecting S. Sixth Street between Western Avenue and Jefferson Street.

The City is considering converting this section of S. Sixth Street from a one-way street to a two-way street. This change may improve traffic flow, enhance accessibility for residents, and increase overall safety in the area. The Public Safety and Welfare Committee will be reviewing this change on Wednesday, October 7th. There will be an opportunity for public comment, and we welcome any discussion and feedback regarding this proposed traffic change.

You are invited to attend the October 7, 2026 Public Safety and Welfare Committee meeting. It will be held at 5:00 P.M. in Room 0041 at City Hall, 106 Jones Street Watertown, WI 53094. If you cannot attend and wish to provide feedback, please call (920) 262-4060 or email engineeringdept@watertownwi.gov.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our community's transportation network. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works.

Sincerely,
Andrew M. Beyer, P.E.
Public Works Director
City of Watertown

October 1, 2026

Re: S. Sixth Street 700 Block Parking Restriction

Dear Residents,

We would like to inform you about a potential change to the parking regulations in the 700 block of S. Sixth Street, between Western Avenue and E. Milwaukee Street.

The City is considering modifying the existing parking restriction that currently permits on-street parking on the east side or west side of the 700 block of S. Sixth Street. If approved, parking could be prohibited on portions of the block at all times.

The Public Safety and Welfare Committee will be reviewing parking restrictions as part of the one-way traffic to two-way traffic conversion on Wednesday, October 7th. There will be an opportunity for public comment, and we welcome any discussion and feedback regarding the proposed change in parking restrictions.

You are invited to attend the October 7, 2026 Public Safety and Welfare Committee meeting. It will be held at 5:00 P.M. in Room 0041 at City Hall, 106 Jones Street, Watertown, WI 53094. If you cannot attend and wish to provide feedback, please call (920) 262-4060 or email engineeringdept@watertownwi.gov.

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MEMO

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Davis

From: Nathan R. Williams, Civil Engineer I

Date: September 30, 2026

Subject: Public Safety and Welfare Meeting of October 7, 2026

Review and take possible action: Bailey Street Stop Signs

Background

Bailey Street is being resurfaced this fall, and there is an opportunity for safety improvements in the area. In general, the area surrounding Bailey Street has very low traffic, and has no known crash history. However, there are a few uncontrolled intersections that could benefit from the addition of stop signs:

- Fourth Street: four-way intersection with no stop signs – this is the main concern
- Fifth Street: three-way “T” intersection with no stop signs, and a public alleyway entrance at the intersection
- Second Street: three-way “T” intersection with no stop signs

In all cases, proposed stop signs would direct traffic on Bailey Street to stop. Bailey Street is likely the lower volume/local street at these intersections, making it appropriate to assign stop control to Bailey Street, consistent with Manual on Uniform Traffic Control (MUTCD) guidance.

There is currently no traffic count data available for these intersections. If the Committee would like additional confirmation regarding the proposed stop sign placement, traffic counts could be collected next summer. Based on the low-volume, local nature of Bailey Street, the configuration of the intersections, and the absence of a known crash history, staff believes it is appropriate to place stop signs on Bailey Street at the locations identified above.

Budget Goal

1. Create a community where all can feel safe and strive for economic success.
4. Involve those who are impacted before making decisions.

MEMO

Financial Impact

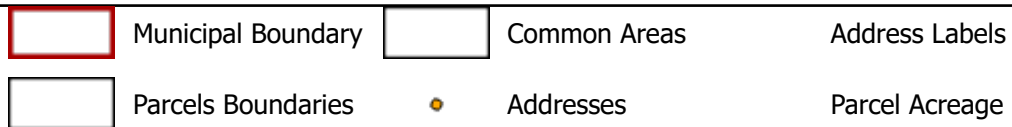
Costs would be approximately \$100 per stop sign, not including staff time for installation.

Recommendation

The Engineering Division recommends to place stop signs in the locations noted above.

Attachments:

- Site Map



**ORDINANCE TO
AMEND SECTION 253-23(A), FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS OF THE
CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL ORDINANCES**

**SPONSOR: ALD. DANA DAVIS
FROM: PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 253-23(A) Fire protection systems is hereby amended as follows:

§ 253.23(A) Fire protection systems.

The following requirements are in addition to the requirement in IBC Section 901.

A. Application for permit; plans and specifications.

- (1) General. No person may install, erect or construct any fire alarm system or fire suppression system or add to, enlarge, move, improve, alter, convert, extend or demolish any fire alarm system or fire suppression system, or cause the same to be done, or commence any work covered by this chapter on any fire alarm system or fire suppression system without first obtaining a fire alarm/fire suppression system permit therefor from the Fire Department. Such permit shall be issued in the name of the owner/contractor.
- (2) Applications for fire alarm/fire suppression system permits shall be filed with the Fire Inspector in writing on a form to be furnished for that purpose. Such application shall describe the land and/or structure upon which the proposed installation or work is to be done by a general description which will readily identify and definitely locate the proposed installation or work and shall show the use or occupancy of all parts of the building and such other pertinent information as may be required by the Fire Inspector. The Fire Inspector or any inspector of the Fire Department shall, as a condition of granting a fire alarm/fire suppression system permit, have the right to enter the premises for which said permit was issued at any reasonable time during and throughout the course of such work and until final approval thereof has been granted, for the purpose of inspecting said premises and its compliance as to construction or use with all statutory and ordinance regulations in reference to the installation, modification, construction, repair, use and location of fire alarm/fire suppression systems.
- (3) Working plans and specifications showing the location of each component element of the proposed fire alarm system and/or fire suppression system, all drawings, manufacturer's cut sheet for devices, calculations, material approvals, manufacturer's listed installations and design manuals, pre-engineered design specifications, design specifications, and the manufacturer model and type of each component element of such systems shall accompany every application for a permit and shall be filed in duplicate with the Fire Inspector. If the installation involves a building meeting the criteria in § **SPS 361.30(3)**, Wis. Adm. Code, the submittal will require approved plans by the ~~Department of Safety and Professional~~

(Type meeting date of the FIRST meeting the ordinance will be considered) Ord. 26-XX

~~Services-City of Watertown Fire Department.~~ However, the Fire Inspector may authorize the issuance of a permit without plans or specifications for minor or inconsequential work.

- (a) Plans submitted shall be drawn to scale ~~on substantial paper~~ and be submitted electronically via approved means. The submitted plans shall be working plans of sufficient clarity to indicate the nature and character of the work proposed and to show that the regulations which apply will be complied with. They shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and shall bear the name of the designer, professional engineer, contractor or other person who prepared them.
- (b) Specifications shall be in detail. Any specifications in which general expressions are used to the effect that "work shall be done in accordance with the IBC and SPS 316" or "to the satisfaction of the Fire Inspector" shall be deemed imperfect and incomplete, and every reference to the IBC and Ch. **SPS 316**, Wis. Adm. Code, shall be to the section or subsection applicable to the material to be used or to the method of construction proposed.
- (c) Automatic fire sprinkler system projects involving the alteration, addition or removal of fewer than 21 sprinklers in an already existing automatic fire sprinkler system must comply with the requirements of NFPA 1.
- (d) Alterations to and/or modifications of an existing fire alarm system and/or fire suppression system may not, at the discretion of the Fire Inspector, require a complete set of plans as set forth above; however, each such application for a permit shall include appropriate supporting documentation establishing that the proposed alterations/modifications comply with all appropriate codes, ordinances and standards.
- (e) For state-owned buildings, plans shall be approved by the appropriate state agency. A permit is required for said projects; a copy of the state plan approval letter is required as part of the permit application. The Fire Inspector shall inspect the fire protection systems in state-owned buildings. When a state agency specifies plan review and inspection by the City, a complete submittal is required.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

DATE:	First meeting date		Second meeting date	
READING:	1ST		2ND	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
DAVIS				
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CITY CLERK

NITECKI				
BLANKE				
SMITH				
ARNETT				
HAASE				
MOLDENHAUER				
MAYOR STOCKS				
<i>TOTAL</i>				

APPROVED Type second meeting date

MAYOR

Ordinance

Plan Review Fees for Fire Alarm and Suppression Systems

253.23

Area (Square Feet)	Fees	
	Fire Alarm System Plans	Fire Suppression System Plans
Less than 2,500	\$30	\$30
2,500-5,000	60	60
5,001-10,000	100	100
10,001-20,000	150	150
20,001-30,000	200	200
30,001-40,000	350	350
40,001-50,000	500	500
50,001-75,000	700	700
75,001-100,000	1000	1000
100,001-200,000	1200	1200
200,001-300,000	3000	3000
300,001-400,000	4400	4400
400,001-500,000	5600	5600
Over 500,000	6400	6400

MEMO

TO: Public Safety & Welfare Committee

FROM: Don A. Dishno, Deputy Chief Fire Marshal

DATE: 9/1/2026

RE: Ordinance Change for Fire Plan Review

Background

Historically, the Watertown Fire Department did not have the capacity to review plans for fire alarm, fire sprinkler, or other fire-protection systems. These plans were submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) for review.

With a full-time Fire Marshal now in place, the department can conduct these reviews in-house. This allows the department to review plans for compliance not only with Building and Fire Codes, but with adopted local ordinances as well. We are then able to retain applicable plan-review fees locally rather than having them collected by the state and provide a substantially faster response to applicants.

DSPS review timelines may extend several weeks due to workload. The Watertown Fire Department anticipates completing in-house plan reviews within 24 to 48 hours.

Financial Impact

The Fire Marshal is already certified and approved by DSPS to conduct these reviews. No additional staffing, equipment, or other expenditures are required.

Therefore, no additional financial impact is anticipated, aside from the collection and revenue of plan-review fees authorized by state statute and local ordinance.

Recommendation

The proposed ordinance updates the City's plan-review process to authorize the Watertown Fire Department to conduct in-house reviews of fire alarm, fire sprinkler, and other fire-protection system plans. Adoption will align the ordinance with the department's current capabilities, establish the local process for review and fee collection, and allow applicants to receive timely, locally administered service.

September 9, 2026

TO: Public Safety & Welfare Committee Members

FROM: Dana Davis, Chair

RE: Establishment of Permanent Agenda Items for Public Safety & Welfare Committee Meetings.

The purpose of this memo is to recommend the establishment of two permanent agenda items for Public Safety & Welfare Committee meetings to provide a clear, transparent, and consistent process for committee members to exercise their procedural rights and bring matters before the committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motions to approve the agenda, reorder items, or remove items from consideration are in order.

- **Rationale**
 - Adding “Approval of Agenda” will provide a designated place where a committee member can make a motion to reorder items or remove items from consideration.
 - Under Robert’s Rules the approval of the agenda is an important vote that gives the committee formal control over its business. The chair may draft an agenda, but it is not binding until the members vote on it. It signifies that the group as a whole holds authority, not just the presiding officer.
- **Suggested Location on the Agenda:** After “Approval of Minutes” and before “Business”.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A committee member may make a request for a future agenda item. No discussion of requested items may take place.

- **Rationale**
 - This agenda item provides a pathway for a committee member to publicly request that an item come before the committee at a future meeting.
 - Robert’s Rules protects the rights of the individual member while honoring the will of the majority. This agenda item provides the member an opportunity to obtain the floor and make their request transparently to the body.
- **Suggested Location on the Agenda:** After “Business” and before “Adjourn”.

September 9, 2026

TO: Public Safety & Welfare Committee Members

FROM: Dana Davis, Chair

RE: eScooter and eBike Ordinance Revision and Enforcement

Electric bike and scooter crashes involving Wisconsin children have increased dramatically over the past four years ([‘A real concern’ June 24, 2026](#)).

- From 2022 to 2025, crashes in WI involving an e-bike and a motor vehicle increased by 194% according to WI DOT.
- Crashes involving an e-scooter and a motor vehicle increased by 260% and injuries increased by 240%.
- In 2025, WI riders younger than 20 years accounted for 44% of individuals involved in e-scooter crashes as compared to 18% in 2024.

Watertown residents have growing concerns about the rapid increase of e-bikes and e-scooters.

State Laws

According to [WI DOT](#), E-bikes are defined in [state statute](#) as bicycles equipped with fully operative pedals and an electric motor of 750 watts or less. Wisconsin law categorizes e-bikes as class one, two or three according to their features. Class three are the most powerful, with throttle power reaching up to 28 mph. Class three e-bikes are the only ones with age restriction, requiring operators to be at least 16 years old.

According to state statute, e-bikes and e-scooters are considered vehicles on Wisconsin roads, which means they must follow the same traffic laws although WI DMV does not require a driver's license or registration for either one. State Law allows e-scooters on roads, but all bicycle traffic rules must be followed. Local ordinances may have additional rules for e-bikes and e-scooters.

Watertown Code

Watertown ordinances prohibit e-scooters on both streets and sidewalks. E-bikes are allowed on roadways but must follow all bicycle traffic rules. NOTE: Bicycles operated by children under 12 years of age are allowed on sidewalks, except for the Central Business District, where no bicycle is allowed on the sidewalk at all.

C. Motorized vehicles prohibited on sidewalks. [Added by Ord. No. 02-17]

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Motorized vehicle" shall mean a vehicle which is used for the transportation of persons and/or property, including but not limited to the following, irrespective of size, weight, number of wheels, and whether or not having a seat: moped, motor bicycle, motorbus, motorcycle, motor home, motor truck, motor vehicle, snowmobile, and all-terrain vehicle, and also means motorized skates, motorized scooter and motorized skateboards. Motorized wheelchairs and similar medical assisting devices are specifically excluded from this definition.

(b) All other words and phrases shall be given their meaning provided in the Wisconsin Statutes.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to:

(a) Operate a motorized vehicle on a public sidewalk, except for crossing a sidewalk to reach an area where operation is lawful. This prohibition does not apply to motorized vehicles used for construction or maintenance purposes or used to access the site of construction or maintenance work.

(b) Operate any type of motorized skates, motorized scooter or motorized skateboard, whether gas- or electric-powered, on a public street or highway.

Many WI communities have recently passed ordinances to address the increase of e-bikes and e-scooters.

Sample e-Bike and e-Scooter Ordinances from WI Municipalities

[West Bend](#)

[LaCrosse](#)

[Neenah](#)

Possible Questions for Discussion

- Should the City consider updating its ordinances to address the use and operation of e-bikes and e-scooters within Watertown?
- What additional information does this Committee need to obtain before determining whether changes to the current ordinance are warranted?
- Should the City Attorney and/or Police Department be asked to review potential ordinance changes and bring recommendations back to the Committee?



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 10.21 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVER FALLS DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. That Chapter 10.21 titled “Regulating Electric Bicycles and Electric Scooters,” of the City of River Falls Municipal Code is hereby created to read as follows:

“10.21 Regulating Electric Bicycles and Electric Scooters.

Sections

10.21.010 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

Bike Paths are defined as any impervious surface completely separated from the roadway that are eight feet wide or greater and constructed for pedestrian, bicycle, or other non-automotive means of transportation. Bike Paths may also be referred to as Multi-Use Paths or Shared Use Paths.

Electric Bicycle means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and an electric motor of 750 watts or less and that meets the requirements of any of the following classifications:

- A. Class 1 Electric Bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- B. Class 2 Electric Bicycle means an electric bicycle that may be powered solely by the motor and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- C. Class 3 Electric Bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

Electric scooter means a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, powered by an electric motor and optionally human power, and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor. “Electric scooter” does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device, motorcycle, motor bicycle, electric bicycle, or moped.

Sidewalks are defined as any impervious portion of a roadway between the curb line or lateral lines of a roadway and adjacent property lines constructed for pedestrian use and are less than eight feet in width.

10.21.020 Permitted users of electric bicycles and electric scooters.

Operators of a Class 3 electric bicycle on City roadways, sidewalks, or bike paths must be 16 years of age or older.

No person less than 12 years of age shall operate an electric scooter on City roadways, sidewalks, or bike paths except that persons 8 through 11 years of age may do so during daylight hours if accompanied by an adult capable of remaining close enough to ensure the safe operation of the scooter by such child, such as by walking or running alongside, using their own electric scooter or bicycle, or engaging in a similar activity. This provision is intended to permit the usage of electric scooters by families.

10.21.030 Rules of the Road.

Subject to the provisions of this Chapter 10.21, the provisions of Chs. 346 and 347, Wis. Stats., and applicable City ordinances, shall govern the operation of electric bicycles and electric scooters, where appropriate.

10.21.040 Use of electric bicycles and electric scooters; Where prohibited.

Only Class 1 Electric Bicycles may be used on sidewalks that allow bicycle use on the same terms and conditions (e.g., age restrictions), provided they are being operated without motor assistance and using only human power.

Class 2 Electric Bicycles and Class 3 Electric Bicycles are prohibited from use on all sidewalks in the City.

Electric scooters may be used on sidewalks or bike paths that allow bicycle use on the same terms and conditions (e.g., age restrictions). Electric scooters are prohibited from use on any roadway having a speed limit of more than 25 miles per hour.

A map showing certain sidewalks and bike paths as of the date of adoption of this Chapter 10.21 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

10.21.050 Equipment Regulations.

Every person using electric scooters between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise shall have the scooter equipped with a lamp firmly attached to the front of such electric scooter exhibiting a white light to the front, and with a reflector or a lamp mounted on the rear of the vehicle visible at a distance of 500 feet. The reflector shall not be less than one and a half to two inches for rectangular models or three inches in diameter for round models.

10.21.060 Riding electric bicycles and electric scooters on roadway.

Every person operating an electric bicycle or electric scooter upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a

standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Persons riding electric bicycles or electric scooters upon a roadway shall ride single file.

10.21.070 Responsibility of parent or guardian for violation.

No parent or guardian of any child shall authorize or knowingly permit such child to violate any of the provisions of this chapter 10.21.

10.21.080 Penalty.

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter 10.21 shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 1.20 of this municipal code.”

Section 2. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the City of River Falls would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other person’s circumstances shall not be deemed affected.

Section 3. Effective date. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its date of publication as provided by law.

FOR THE CITY OF RIVER FALLS

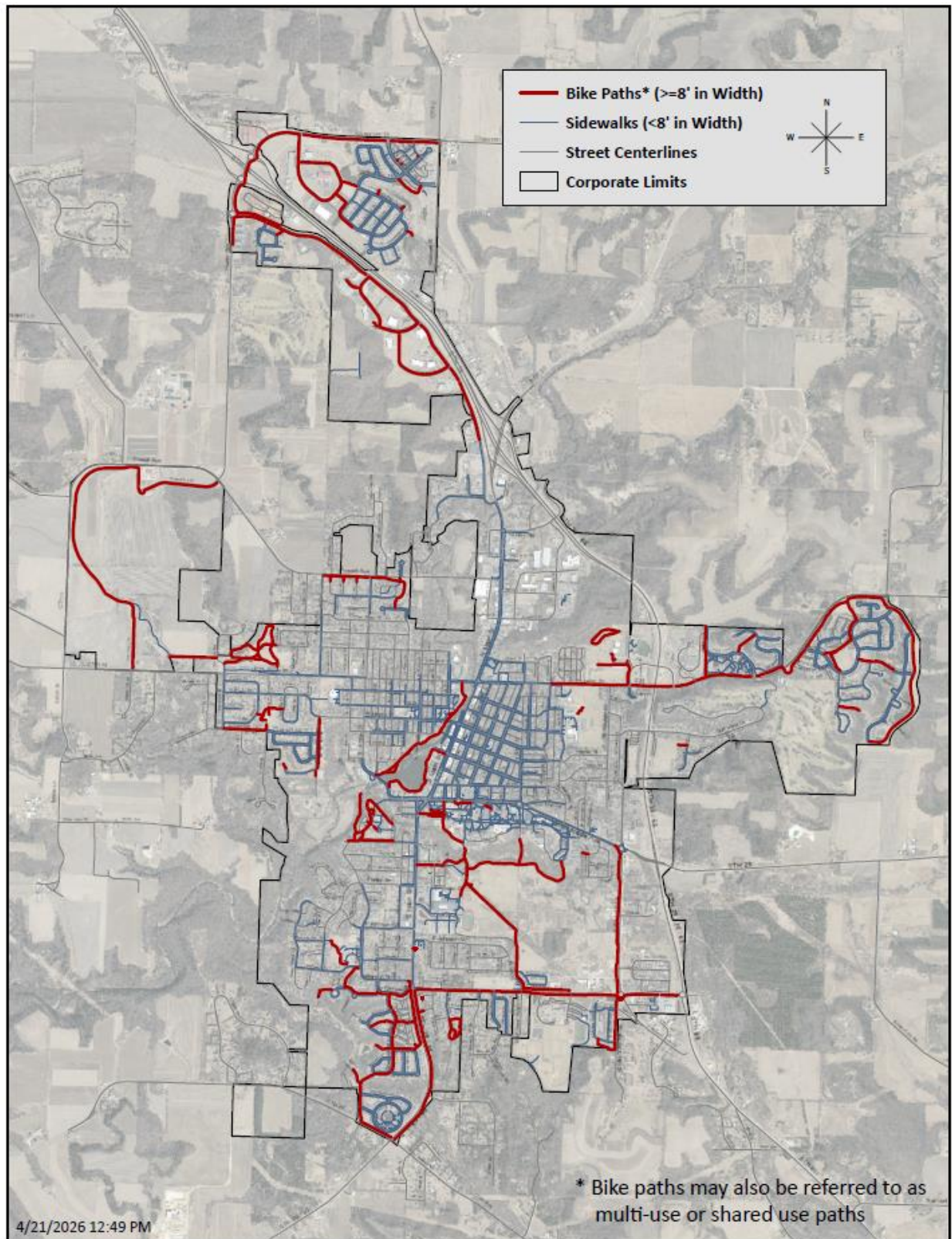
Allison Page, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy White, City Clerk

Adopted: _____
Published: _____

EXHIBIT A



CITY OF WAUSAU
407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

Ordinance from the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Repealing and Recreating Wausau Municipal Code Chapter 10.40 Bicycles and Repealing Chapter 10.41 Electric Scooters, Chapter 10.42 Go-Carts, Mini-Bikes, and Motorized Scooters, and Chapter 10.43 Motorized Bicycles.

Committee Action: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee Approved 4-0; Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Approved 4-0.

File Number: 26-0507

Date Introduced: May 26, 2026

Ordinance Number: 61-6014

The Common Council of the City of Wausau do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 10.40, Bicycles, is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

10.40 BICYCLES, E-BIKES, AND SIMILAR DEVICES REGULATED

10.40.010 Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish clear, consistent, and enforceable regulations for the use of bicycles, electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters, and similar devices within the City in order to:

- (a) Promote the safety of all trail, sidewalk, and roadway users;
- (b) Provide clarity and consistency across jurisdictions;
- (c) Encourage responsible use of emerging micromobility technologies; and
- (d) Align local regulations with applicable Wisconsin State Statutes.

10.40.020 Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (a) Bicycle means a vehicle propelled solely by human power through pedals and having one or more wheels.
- (b) Electric Bicycle or E-Bicycle means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and an electric motor of 750 watts or less and that meets the requirements of any of the following classifications:
 - (1) Class 1 E-bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

(2) Class 2 E-bicycle means an electric bicycle that may be powered solely by the motor and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

(3) Class 3 E-bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

(c) Electric Motorized Device or E-Moto means any electric-powered device designed for transportation without fully operable pedals, including electric dirt bikes, electric motorcycles, one-wheeled devices, or similar devices. E-Moto does not include any motor vehicle that would be classified as a motorcycle per Wis. Stat. § 340.01(32) or otherwise be required to be registered pursuant to Wis. Stat. Ch. 341.

(d) Electric Scooter means a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, is powered solely by the electric motor and human power, and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor. Electric Scooter does not include any electric personal assistive mobility device, motor bicycle, electric bicycle, or moped.

(e) Motorized Bicycle has the same meaning as in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(30).

(f) Multi-use Path or Trail means any paved or unpaved off-street path intended for shared use by pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized users.

(g) Personal Assisted Mobility Device ("PAMD") means a self-balancing device with two wheels not in tandem, designed to transport only one person by an electric propulsion system with an average power of seven hundred fifty watts (one horsepower) having a maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by such a propulsion system while ridden by an operator weighing one hundred seventy pounds, of less than twenty miles per hour or a self-balancing device with one wheel designed to transport only one person by an electric propulsion system with an average power of two thousand watts (two and two-thirds horsepower) having a maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by such a propulsion system, of less than twenty miles per hour.

10.40.030. State Law Adopted.

(a) Wisconsin Stats. §§ 346.02(12), 346.80, 346.803, and 346.806 are hereby adopted by reference, as amended from time to time.

10.40.040 Rules of the Road and Areas of Operations.

(a) Roadways.

(1) Any person operating a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway without designated bicycle lanes, shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb of the unobstructed traveled roadway, including operators who are riding two or more abreast where permitted under Subsection (4) below, except:

- i. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- ii. When preparing for a left turn or U-turn at an intersection or a left turn into a private road or driveway.

iii. When reasonably necessary to avoid unsafe conditions, including fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to ride along the right-hand edge or curb.

iv. When upon a one-way roadway having two or more lanes available for traffic, a person may ride as near the left-hand edge or curb of the roadway as practicable.

(2) Any person operating a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway shall exercise due care when passing a standing or parked vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

(3) Operating two abreast.

i. Persons riding Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway may ride two abreast if such operation does not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. Bicycle, electric scooter, or electric personal assistive mobility device operators riding two abreast on a two-lane or more roadway shall ride within a single lane.

ii. Persons riding Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway may not ride more than two abreast except upon any path, trail, lane or other way set aside for the exclusive use of Bicycles, E-Bicycles, Electric Scooters, or PAMDs.

(4) No person may operate a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway where a sign is erected indicating that Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD riding is prohibited. The Infrastructure and Facilities Committee is the delegated authority to recommend to the Common Council rules restricting bicycle operation within the City. After adoption by the Council and publication, the Infrastructure and Facilities Committee shall cause signs to be posted bearing the restrictions at appropriate places upon the streets.

(5) Persons operating a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a roadway with a designated bicycle lane shall operate within the bicycle lane.

(b) Sidewalks.

(1) Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, and PAMD shall be permitted to operate on the sidewalks in the following locations:

i. Grand Avenue, from Schofield City limits to the southern boundary line of Forest Street.

ii. Forest Street, from the east boundary of Sixth Street to the west boundary of Fifth Street.

iii. East Randolph Street, at the beginning of the curb radii, of the East Randolph Street terminus, to approximately 350 feet east onto Burek Avenue.

iv. Bridge Street bridge

v. Thomas Street bridge

vi. Scott Street and Washington Street bridges.

(2) When sidewalks are present on both sides of a roadway identified above, Bicycles, E-Bicycles, Electric Scooters, and PAMDs must use the sidewalk on the side of the roadway so as to travel in the same direction as traffic.

(3) Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, and PAMD operating on sidewalks shall adhere to the rules of the road in Subsection (c)(2), (4), and (5).

(c) Multi-use Paths and Trails.

(1) Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, and PAMD shall be permitted on Multi-use Paths and Trails, unless otherwise posted.

(2) Every person operating a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a Multi-use Path or Trail shall:

- i. Exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, PAMD, or a pedestrian proceeding in the same direction.
- ii. Obey each traffic signal or sign facing a roadway which runs parallel and adjacent to a bicycle way.

(3) Every person operating a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD upon a Multi-use Path or Trail open to two-way traffic shall ride on the right side of the Multi-use Path or Trail.

(4) Every operator of a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD entering a Multi-use Path or Trail shall yield the right-of-way to all Bicycles, E-Bicycles, Electric Scooters, PAMDs, and pedestrians in the Multi-use Path or Trail.

(5) Bicycles and E-Bicycles operated on Multi-use Path or Trail shall be operated at a reasonable and prudent speed to avoid colliding with any other person, object, or vehicle.

10.40.050 Operating Speed.

(a) No Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD shall be operated at a speed greater than the posted speed limit on any roadway.

(b) No Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, or PAMD shall be operated at a speed greater 15 MPH on a Multi-Use Path or Trail

10.40.060 Disorderly and Reckless Operation of a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, or Similar Device.

(a) Reckless Operation. No person may operate a Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, PAMD, E-Moto, or Motorized Bicycle in a manner that:

- (1) Endangers the safety of any person or property by negligent operation.
- (2) Causes bodily harm or great bodily harm to another by negligent operation.

(b) Disorderly Operation. No person shall operate Bicycle, E-Bicycle, Electric Scooter, PAMD, E-Moto, or Motorized Bicycle in a manner that:

- (1) Demonstrates carelessness or indifference to the safety of the operator or others;
- (2) Is boisterous, raucous, or otherwise disorderly under circumstances in which such conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance; or

(3) Involves the intentional, deliberate, or unnecessary performance stunts or wheelies, skids, or other maneuvers that unreasonably endangers any person or property.

(c) Penalties. Any person who shall violate this section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$200.00 plus the costs of prosecution.

10.40.070 Age Restrictions

- (a) Operators of Class 3 E-Bicycles must be at least 16 years of age.
- (b) There is no minimum age requirement for Class 1 or Class 2 E-Bicycles.

10.40.080 Equipment Requirements

- (a) E-Bicycles shall be equipped with:
 - (1) Fully operable pedals;
 - (2) A permanent manufacturer's label indicating the E-Bicycles class, top assisted speed, and motor wattage.
- (b) Class 3 E-Bicycles must be equipped with a speedometer.
- (c) Bicycles and E-Bicycles shall be equipped with lighting and reflector equipment that complies with Wis. Stat. § 347.489.

10.40.090 Registration and licensing.

- (a) No registration or licensing shall be required for Bicycles, E-Bicycles, E-Scooters, E-Motos, or Motorized Bicycles but owners are encouraged to register their devices with the Wausau Police Department.
- (b) A driver's license is not required to operate an E-Bicycle of any Class.

10.40.100 Prohibited Devices.

- (a) E-Motos, Motorized Bicycles, and other electric motorized devices without pedals are prohibited from operating on:
 - (1) Sidewalks;
 - (2) Multi-use paths;
 - (3) Trails; and
 - (4) Parks, unless otherwise permitted by ordinance and posted.

10.40.110 Penalties.

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, any person who shall violate this Chapter shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$50.00 plus the costs of prosecution.

Section 2. That Chapter 10.41 Electric Scooters, is hereby repealed.

Section 3. That Chapter 10.42 Go-Carts, Mini-Bikes, and Motorized Scooters, is hereby repealed.

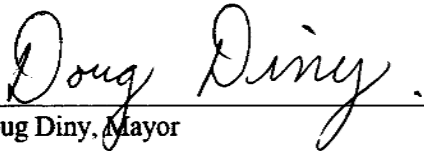
Section 4. That Chapter 10.43 Motorized Bicycles, is hereby repealed.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the day after its publication.

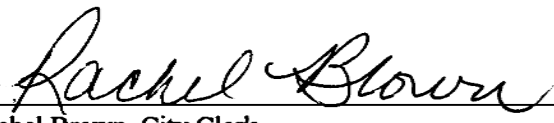
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