# White Salmon Community Development Committee Meeting A G E N D A



# April 21, 2025 – 5:00 PM 119 NE Church Ave

Meeting ID: 863 4946 3341

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#### **Call to Order**

### **Discussion and Action Items**

- 1. Facility Use/Park Use Revisions + Noise Ordinance
- 2. Block Party/Neighborhood Watch
- 3. Parklets
- 4. Mental Health Awareness Month & Arab American Month
- 5. Committee Handoff

#### <u>Adjournment</u>

# File Attachments for Item:

1. Facility Use/Park Use Revisions + Noise Ordinance



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#### **GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS**

#### GROUP 1

White Salmon School Direct, or other school district, non-profit membership groups for events which are community based and involve actives which enhance the city. Examples or recognized groups engaged in promoting activities and issues: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Boys and Girls, PTA, PTO service clubs, Rotary, downtown business group, chamber, Boys & girl clubs and churches; or other similar activities that are approved by the city.

Group 1 applicants must provide a copy of their IRS 501(C)(3) designation letter with this application.

Group 1 applicants will be charged additional fees when applicable in accordance with the Additional Fees & Charges section of this application.

Hourly Fee Schedule				
Group	Day	Resident	Non-Resident	
		Fee	Fee	
Group 1	Mon - Thurs	Free	\$10.00	
	Fri - Sun	Free	\$20.00	
Group 2	Mon - Thurs	\$5.00	\$20.00	
	Fri - Sun	\$10.00	\$30.00	
Group 3	Mon - Thurs	\$10.00	\$30.00	
	Fri - Sun	\$15.00	\$40.00	

#### **GROUP 2**

Groups or organizations whose membership is open to the general public but operates for the primary benefit of their membership and/or participation is limited to a select group. Examples: model clubs, dance clubs, preschool coops, political organizations, etc.

#### GROUP 3

This classification includes:

(a) Groups or organizations, who charge fees, collect donations, membership fees or charge admission. (b) Events not open to the general public i.e., wedding receptions, anniversaries, private dance clubs, birthday parties, etc. (c) Groups or organization commercial in nature and are promoting a product or service i.e., Tupperware, Large Garage Sales, Diet Workshops, etc. Event can be free to the public.

#### DAMAGE DEPOSIT: \$150.00

The applicant will be financially responsible for damages that exceeds the deposit amount.

#### ADDITIONAL FEES & CHARGES

Power Connect/ Disconnect Fee: \$30.00

Garbage Fee: \$10.00 per can

Commented [JR1]: Change to:
0-25 People, \$50
25+ \$150
City Council Chambers \$150 (any size)

**Commented [JR2]:** Remove Garbage Fee - staff no longer charges

RENTAL FEE (STAFF USE ONLY)						
Group Classification	Fee per hour	Rental Fee				
Damage Deposit Fee	Power Fee	Garbage Fee				
Total Fee						
Date Paid	Received by _					
Damage Deposit Refund (Application Will Not Be Processed If Incomplete)						
Issue To	Phone					
Address						
		Zip				
Deposit refund via check to party name above upon inspection by Public Works staff						

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Individual signing the rental agreement will be considered the responsibility party in case of damage, theft, or disturbances during the event.

- Parks may be scheduled for an individual event or regular meetings, up to three months in advance.
- The applicant must be at least 21 years of age and present during the event.
- Restricted days for reservation include City wide precedence events.
- Priority scheduling is given to White Salmon residents in reserving parks (reservation calendar schedules are available at City Hall.)

#### HOURS OF AVAILABILITY

Daily 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM (or Dusk)

All events must be completely cleaned up and clear from the park by the closing time. The City Council may extend these times on a case by case basis. Groups must have a written letter of authorization from the City Administrator authorizing any activity outside the normal operating hours of the facility.

#### PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- a. Use fee and other related fees must be paid at the time of submitting an application for a reservation to secure the requested date. The amount of the deposit is contingent upon all building facilities, furnishings and equipment. To ensure the return of the deposit, the facilities must be left in the same condition or better than originally found. If there is no damage or excessive cleaning required, the deposit will be returned to you within thirty days of the reservation date.
- b. The rental fee must be paid in full thirty days prior to the event, unless reservation time dictates otherwise. Failure to do so will constitute a cancellation. (see Cancellation (a) for additional information).
- c. Payments are accepted as cash, personal check, credit card or money order.

#### INSURANCES REQUIREMENTS

Lessee may be required to provide a copy of their liability insurance to the city of White Salmon within 30 days of the activity, and upon written request of the city, a duplicate of the policy as evidence of insurance protect provided.

The required insurance policy is to be endorsed to (1) name the city, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insured and (2) shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, or reduced in coverage or limits except after thirty days prior written notice to the City.

Event insurance can be purchased through the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) <a href="https://www.wciapool.org/">https://www.wciapool.org/</a> that meets the requirements of the City of White Salmon insurance requirements. Information regarding this insurance is available from the City upon request.

On how to purchase this insurance contact City Hall at (509) 493-1133, Monday - Friday 8:00AM to 5:00PM

#### **CANCELLATIONS**

- a. Cancellations made within thirty days of the reservation will be charge 50% of the Rental Fee and 50% of the damage/cleaning deposit. If rental fee charges were not paid within 30 days of the events, 50% of the rental fees will be subtracted from the damage/cleaning deposit paid at the time of application.
- b. Cancellations made thirty days or more before the reservation will be charged 50% of the Rental Fee with 100% the damage/ cleaning deposit being refunded. Rental fee charges will be subtracted from the damage/ cleaning deposit paid at the time of application.

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- a. Rental hours are consecutive and must include time for delivery of supplies, set-up, tear down and clean up.
- b. Set-up begins at the specified time on the facility use application given at the time of making the reservation. Early delivery of supplies and set-ups are not permitted.
- c. All items brought to the facility by the lessee are to be removed by the end of the rental period. The rental group is to remove food, materials, equipment, furnishings, and decorations left after use of the facility.
- d. All garbage should be placed in or next to the dumpster in closed trash bags.
- e. It is the responsibility of the lessee to set up and move furnishings as desired. Please move all furnishings back to their original position before leaving the facility.
- f. Please remember that you have the Park available to you for ONLY THE TIME REQUESTED there may be other parties using the shelter immediately after you. Therefore, please make sure that you have allotted time to set-up and tear down for your function.
- g. Reservations are for the park only. The playground, tennis courts, basketball courts, splash pad and green space are open to the public
- h. Inflatable toys, dunk tanks or similar items, are not allowed.
- i. Power is available upon request.

#### **GENERAL RULES**

- Rental facilities are available daily from 8:00 AM 10:00 PM (or Dusk). Event must conclude at a reasonable time to accommodate clean up.
- Throwing of rice, birdseed or confetti, is not permitted.
- Decorations may be attached to walls, windows or ceilings, with masking tape or other non-marring material. Do not
  use tacks, staples, glue or any other marring method.
- · Use of illegal drugs, smoking and/ or gambling is prohibited on/ in any City of White Salmon park or facility.
- Alcohol cannot be served within any public facilities without the direct permission of the City Council and a
  Washington State Liquor permit. If alcohol is to be served the applicant must prove adequate security as required by
  the City of White Salmon.
- · Minors must have adequate adult supervision.
- The City of White Salmon does not assume responsibility for personal property left unattached in City facilities.
- The City of White Salmon will not be liable for accident, injury or loss of property during events.
- The misuse of any City facility or the failure to comply with these regulations will be sufficient reason for denial of future reservations.
- Events participants must park in the designated parking areas only. Parking spaces in the City Hall parking lot or City Park are open to the public.
- · The City of White Salmon scheduled events will take precedence over non-city events
- BBQ's are allowed to be brought into the park. BBQ coals must be taken when leaving. (Do not put coals/ ashes in garbage.)
- Rule of Thumb: Leave facilities in the same conditions or better than you found them.

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The City of White Salmon is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Purpose of changes: Clarify noise exemptions, add explicit quiet hours between 10am and 7am, to better align with Department of Ecology requirements while recognizing the size of our city prevents meaningful ways to enforce if the requirements are focused on decibels.

https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/laws-rules-rulemaking/noise-pollution/noise-pollution-faq-for-local-government

## **Chapter 8.05 NOISE DISTURBANCES**

#### **Sections:**

#### 8.05.010 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, certain words and phrases used are defined as follows:

"Downtown" means E Jewett Boulevard between N Main Avenue and NE Estes Avenue

"Electronic device" means any electronic equipment for the amplification of sound, including, but not limited to, radios, stereo systems, boom boxes, sirens, megaphones and horns.

"Motor vehicle" means any vehicle which is self-propelled by mechanical power, including, but not limited to, passenger cars, trucks, truck trailers, campers, motorhomes, motorcycles, minibikes, go-carts, snowmobiles, motorboats and racing vehicles.

"Noise" means any sound which annoys or disturbs humans or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans.

"Noise disturbances" means any sound which:

- 1. Annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities; or
- 2. Endangers or injures personal or real property; or
- 3. Endangers or injures the safety or health of humans or animals; or
- 4. Interferes with normal conversation at a distance of fifty feet or more from the source of the sound.

#### 8.05.020 Prohibited activities.

It shall be unlawful for:

- 1. Any person **or people** to operate or cause to be operated any **motor** vehicle or electronic **device** or other noise-generating device in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance.
- 2. Any person or people to cause noise disturbances between the hours of 10 p.m. (10PM) and seven a.m. (7AM).

#### 8.05.030 Exemptions.

Emergency vehicles and/or equipment when operated by authorized personnel or vehicles and/or equipment operated in the process of licensed business activities, special events authorized by permit or council action, noise from construction activities occurring between the hours of seven a.m. to seven p.m. Monday through Friday, or noise between the hours of seven a.m. and eleven p.m. Sunday through Thursday and seven a.m. and two a.m. Friday and Saturday in Rhinegarden Park and the Commercial Zone are exempted from this chapter.

The following are exemptions to 8.05.020:

1. Emergency vehicles and/or equipment when operated by authorized personnel.

- 2. Vehicles and/or equipment operated in the process of licensed business activities occurring between the hours of seven a.m. (7AM) to ten p.m. (10PM) Monday through Sunday.
- 3. Special events authorized by permit or council action occurring between the hours of seven a.m. (7AM) to ten p.m. (10PM) Monday through Sunday.
- 4. Noise from construction activities occurring between the hours of seven a.m. (7AM) to seven p.m. (7PM) Monday through Sunday.
- 5. Permitted events at Rheingarten Park between the hours of seven a.m. (7AM) and eleven fifty-nine p.m. (11:59PM) Friday through Sunday.
- 6. Noise from downtown commercial properties Monday through Sunday between the hours of seven a.m. (7AM) and two a.m. (2AM).

#### 8.05.040 Violation—Penalty.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of an infraction. The penalty for the first violation is twenty-five dollars a warning; the penalty for the second violation is fifty dollars; and the penalty for every subsequent violation shall be one hundred dollars.

# File Attachments for Item:

3. Parklets

# CITY OF WHITE SALMON ORDINANCE NO. XXXX-XX-XXXX

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WHITE SALMON MUNICIPAL CODE XXXXXX FOR THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON, INCLUDING DATE AND TRANSMISSION TO THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, As a result of responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, downtown White Salmon has been the location of a successful temporary parklet program since 2019; and

WHEREAS, the city has worked cooperatively with the Washington State Department of Transportation to implement an effective short-term parklet program; and

WHEREAS, parklets have been used in many cities of all sizes throughout North America and are proven methods to increase vibrancy and activity of the city streetscape; and

WHEREAS, parklets assist to activate and improve the public space, by allowing greater opportunities for participating businesses to expand their service space and for customers to socialize and interact with others in an activated streetscape; and

WHEREAS, business owners have successfully implemented parklet spaces in downtown White Salmon in recent years, and the desire exists to make the temporary program permanent; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to establish a permanent program for parklets in order to provide clarity to the program as well as ensure its long-term sustainability and community support.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of White Salmon do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That there is enacted a new chapter XX.XX of the White Salmon Municipal Code (WSMC) to read as follows:

#### Chapter 12.30 Parklets

#### 12.30.010 Purpose and Intent

In an effort to further enhance the vitality and community spirit of downtown White Salmon, this chapter seeks to establish guidelines and requirements for parklets Recognizing the success of temporary installations implemented during the Covid-19 pandemic, which significantly increased pedestrian activity, social interaction, and outdoor space utilization, there is a clear public desire to extend and solidify these benefits. Parklets not only activate the streetscape but also contribute to a more engaging public realm for both residents and visitors.

#### 12.30.020 Definitions

"Parklet" means an extended service space for participating businesses consisting of a uniform boundary using street parking spaces directly in front of participating business. Parklet shall not encroach into street parking in front of adjacent or neighboring businesses. The parklet shall not be used as a waiting area. The participating business shall provide the same level of service at and on the parklet as service provided inside the establishment.

"Block Face" means the current street block, both sides, up to 300 feet. Beyond 300 feet is considered a new block.

#### 12.30.030 License Required

It is unlawful to install or operate a parklet without a written license to do so from the City as provided in this chapter and WSMC 05.14. All licenses issued under this chapter and WSMC 05.14 are temporary and, revocable by the City at any time. Additionally, if the parklet is located on State Highway 141 (Jewett Boulevard), the Washington Department of Transportation must also approve an annual application.

#### 12.30.040 Business License Required

If any form of commerce is expected to be performed in a licensed parklet, it is unlawful to operate without a business license, provided in WSMC 5.04.

#### 12.30.050 Parklet Terms and Conditions

The City shall issue a license for the use of the designated parklet space upon such terms and conditions as the City, in the exercise of its discretion, may deem appropriate, if the City determines that:

- 1. The applicant is the owner or legal occupant of the property of the participating business and operates a eating and/or drinking establishment thereon;
- 2. The applicant has the permission of the owner or legal occupant, if different, to place a parklet;
- 3. The parklet is placed or stationed in the parking space(s) directly in front of the participating and applicable business that holds a permit issued by the Klickitat County Health Department, or its representative, which has otherwise authorized such use of the area;
- 4. The design and construction of the proposed parklet meets all applicable City and WSDOT guidelines;
- 5. Regarding the possibility that two or more businesses located on a block face expresses interest in establishing a parklet, the City will defer to the Washington State Department of Transportation's ruling;
- 6. A requirement that the parking space(s) be vacated and restored to their original condition and free from all obstructions at a minimum from MONTH through MONTH of each year, if inclement weather is a factor to the timeline the city will consider November 1 through April 30;
- 7. The parklet shall not be used as waiting area. The business shall provide the same level of service at and on the parklet as services provide inside the establishment.
- 8. The business will establish a uniform boundary using street parking spaces directly in front of business and shall not encroach into street parking spaces in front of adjacent or neighboring businesses.
- 9. Each business is responsible for ensuring that the parklet will not impede (a) access to American with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking or ADA assistance ramps, and/or (b) sidewalk access or pedestrian travel.
- 10. It is the responsibility of the participating business to monitor and assess the parklet and surrounding area (including adjacent parking spaces) for cleanliness, safety of use, and ensure customer's welfare is not compromised. Business will take action to correct safety and cleanliness issues without altering parklets' design and function.
- 11. City shall not be held responsible for crime, damage or theft of business property used in parklet. Without otherwise limiting the immediately preceding sentence, each business using a parklet assumes full risk for any crime, damage or theft of customer or business property in parklet.
- 12. All landscaping bulb-outs and/or area will remain clear of signs or other aspects associated parklet.
- 13. No parklet (an/or use thereof) will impede access to, signage, or storefront window display of neighboring business.

- 14. No signage shall be adhered or placed on parklet that could be a distraction or create a line-of-site issue for passing vehicle drivers.
- 15. Each business is responsible for keeping parklet clean and clear of waste, garbage, and/or debris of any type.
- 16. Parklets hours of operation will correspond with businesses' applicable business hours of operation.
- 17. Each business that uses a parklet (and any parklet use) shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including, without limitation, the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, and any regulations of any administrative agency thereof, and applicable direction or guidance provided by Klickitat County Public Health.
- 18. That the licensee shall maintain the sidewalk adjacent to the parklet as well as the parklet itself in a clean and safe condition for pedestrian travel and use, and if the applicant fails to maintain the area, the City may, in its sole discretion, perform such maintenance, cleaning, and/or repairs as the City deems necessary with the applicant liable to the City for the cost of such maintenance, cleaning, and/or repairs;
- 19. A requirement that the applicant maintain the sidewalk adjacent to the parklet as necessary to accommodate deliveries to adjacent or other nearby properties;
- 20. Unless expressly authorized by the City, no licensed applicant authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a parklet under this chapter shall:
  - i. Break or damage any pavement or street surface;
  - ii. Disturb, remove, damage, or obstruct any parking signs or parking area striping;
  - iii. Place adjacent to or obstruct safe, accessible access to a bus stop;
  - iv. Permanently install any fixture of any kind;
  - v. Cover or obstruct any utility manholes or valve cans; in or on the parking space(s) occupied by a parklet or in or on the sidewalk area adjacent to the parklet area.
- 21. The terms and conditions of this section are in addition and supplemental to all other City permit requirements including, without limitation, the fire and building codes and the City's noise regulations stated in chapter 8.05 of the White Salmon Municipal Code, as applicable.

#### 12.30.060 Liquor Use and Sale

Liquor, as defined in RCW 66.04.010, as now existing or hereafter amended, may be used and sold at a parklet when authorized in both the license provided for herein and by permit of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board ("LCB"), and not otherwise. Nothing in the chapter shall be construed or deemed to modify, conflict with, or allow separate conditions for alcohol use, sale, or consumption than those provided in Title 66, RCW, specifically chapter 66.20, RCW, WAC 314-03-200, and LCB Board

Interim Policy BIP 06-2011 (Aug. 10, 2011). Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed to allow liquor use or consumption on a parklet as the same is defined in this chapter.

#### 12.30.080 Indemnity – License Revocation

A. The applicant for a parklet license shall execute and deliver to the City upon a form approved by the City Attorney's Office an agreement in writing and acknowledged by the applicant, forever to hold and save the City free and harmless from any and all claims, actions or damages of every kind and description which may accrue to, or be suffered by, any persons by reason of or related to the operation of such parklet.

- B. In addition, such agreement shall contain a provision that the license is wholly of a temporary nature, that it vests no permanent right whatsoever, that upon thirty days' notice, posted on the premises, or by publication in the official newspaper of the City, or without such notice, in case the licensed use shall become dangerous or unsafe, or shall not be operated in accordance with the provisions of this title, the same may be revoked and the parklet ordered removed, and if the licensee fails to remove the parklet that the City may, in its sole discretion, remove the parklet or with the costs of such removal and any related storage to be charged to the licensee.
- C. Every such agreement, after it has been received in his office and numbered, and after the same has been recorded, shall be retained by the City clerk.

#### 12.30.090 Compliance - Street and Sidewalk Condition

The applicant shall comply with the terms and conditions of the parklet license issued, and shall maintain the parking space(s) and the sidewalk area adjacent thereto in a clean and safe condition for pedestrian travel, and shall immediately clear the parklet area when ordered to do so by the City or other appropriate City officer such as the chief of police or fire official or their authorized representatives.

#### 12.30.100 Requirements not Cumulative

The requirements of WSMC Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places), obstruction of streets, and obstruction of sidewalks, shall not apply to a parklet validly licensed under this chapter, except as herein provided.

#### 12.30.130 Regulations and Design Guidelines

No later than 45 days after the effective date of this section, the City shall publish regulations (including a reasonable license application fee) and design guidelines for parklets licensed under this chapter.

Section 2. That there is enacted a new section Title 5, Chapter 14 of the White Salmon Municipal Code (WSMC) to read as follows:

#### 5.14.010 Parklets Fees

- A. An annual license fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be paid for operation of a parklet, as the same are defined in WSMC 12.30, as long as the original approved site plan is implemented. Modifications of an approved parklet license application which extend beyond the original approved plan shall require a new review and a review fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- B. The application fee for a license for a new parklet is fifty dollars (\$50).

SIGNATURE SECTION

# File Attachments for Item:

4. Mental Health Awareness Month & Arab American Month

#### **RESOLUTION 2025-XX-XXX**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON, RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH & ADJUSTING OBSERVENCE

Recognizing the unique challenges and circumstances of our citizens in White Salmon, where mental health is not just a national issue but a local one deeply affecting our community, we bring forth this resolution that recognizes Mental Health Awareness Month and adjusts the observance within the City.

**WHEREAS,** mental health is a critical part of every citizen's overall health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, mental illnesses are prevalent in our city, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, one in five adults and adolescents in the United States live with a mental illness, less than half receive treatment, and through education about supportive mental health resources in our community, we can encourage our citizens to seek help for mental health issues; and

**WHEREAS,** with millions of people regularly experiencing stress, anxiety, and depression, it is critical to reduce the stigma around mental health struggles because that stigma often prevents individuals from seeking help; and

**WHEREAS,** one third of the United States population lives in a county designated as a mental health professional shortage area, which includes Klickitat County; and

**WHEREAS**, each business, school, government agency, health care provider, organization, and citizen share the burden of mental health issues and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of White Salmon commits to recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month and

WHEREAS, the City of White Salmon commits to taking steps to provide mental health resources and support, hosting community workshops, and promoting mental health education; and

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness recognizes May each year as Mental Health Awareness Month and recognizes September each year as Suicide Prevention Month.

**WHEREAS**, the City of White Salmon currently recognizes two heritage months in the month of April, and to ensure Mental Health Awareness Month has our full attention, believes recognition should move to August of each year.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved by the City Council of the City of White Salmon that the City of White Salmon will annually recognize the month of August as Mental Health Awareness Month.