Resolution approving a State Municipal Parklet Agreement with the WisDOT for temporary parklet installations on State Trunk and/or Connecting Highways and amending the Outdoor Café Program Guidelines.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in response to the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on restaurants in our community, the City of La Crosse adopted a temporary Outdoor Café Program to assist restaurants, taverns, and tasting rooms; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, may allow a temporary parklet on state trunk or connecting highways solely for outdoor dining use as long as there are no adverse impacts to the safety, maintenance and operation of a state trunk or connecting highway; and

WHEREAS, before parklets may be installed on state trunk or connecting highways, a city, village or town (municipality) must approve an ordinance or other official resolution authorizing them, shall be responsible for permitting them, and shall also enter into a separate agreement with WisDOT (State Municipal Parklet Agreement that details the various aspects of parklet design, installation, operation and removal

WHEREAS, WisDOT's policy for temporary parklets will end on October 15, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby approves the Agreement by and between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of La Crosse for Temporary Parklet Installations on State Trunk and/or Connecting Highways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crosse adopts the amended Outdoor Café Program Guidelines to reflect WisDOT requirements for "parklets" or outdoor dining areas on State Trunk and/or Connecting Highways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning & Development Department, the City Clerk, the Engineering & Public Works Department and the Fire Department are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on August 13, 2020.

Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

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