

**Salem Health – City Council Request**

## Modification to Temporary Street Parking Closure Permit Costs

**Background:**

- Salem Health is proposing a temporary closure of 57 public parking stalls for the duration of their upcoming campus improvement project (Building A Expansion & Parking Garage Seismic Upgrade). The stalls are located at:
  - University Street SE (30' wide ROW) – Mission Street SE to Shelton Ditch (29 stalls)
  - Oak Street SE (37' wide ROW) – University Street SE to 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE (17 stalls)
  - Leslie Street SE (29' wide ROW) – University Street SE to 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE (11 stalls)
- The 57 stalls would be closed for 30 months between 01/01/20 – 06/30/22
- The current City fee structure for this proposed closure would be \$256,500
  - 57 stalls x 30 months x \$150 per stall/ month
- The proposed permit fee is intended to offset the loss of a community resource
- In this case, the community resource is utilized almost entirely by Salem Health staff
- Per City staff, a temp closure request of this magnitude has never been processed

**Context:**

- The closure is being proposed to address two major risks that Salem Health is anticipating:
  - University Street SE will see a significant increase in patient and visitor volume due to the temporary closure of a portion of Capital Street SE for construction. However, at 30' wide there will not be enough room for vehicles to pass one another if the parking is maintained.
  - All three streets will see large equipment and construction traffic volume increases and with their narrow clear width it is likely that damage to parked vehicles will occur
- In addition to the removal of the street parking, 267 existing surface parking stalls will be removed from campus for the duration of the project
- To address the broader parking issue on campus (including the loss of street parking), the attached mitigation plan was developed
- The benefits of the mitigation plan offset the community loss represented by the temporary closure of the 57 stalls
- The costs of implementing the mitigation plan represent a financial commitment from Salem Health that exceeds the cost of the permits fees using the City fee structure

**Request:**

- In light of the financial investment made by Salem Health to address the larger campus parking issue during construction, waive the permit fees associated with the temporary closure of the 57 stalls as noted above from 02/01/20 – 06/30/22
- Salem Health to pay for the first month of permits to help offset city administrative costs associated with the closures - \$8,550.