

RESOLUTION NO. 25-1995

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF A HEALTHY STREETS INITIATIVE WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM TO INCREASE SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT OF RESIDENTS ON THEIR STREETS.

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance for everyone to enjoy shared public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City has many public residential streets where residents enjoy taking walks, walking their pets, socializing with neighbors, and playing with friends; and

WHEREAS, vehicles traveling at excessive speeds or traveling near pedestrians can create unsafe conditions, therefore discouraging people from using their streets for nonmotorized uses; and

WHEREAS, many of these public residential streets do not qualify for or would require cost prohibited traffic calming measures through the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program would benefit from having another option when current options are too costly or would produce an undesirable outcome; and

WHEREAS, the opening of two Link Light Rail stations in Shoreline will potentially increase traffic through our City, a portion of which may utilize residential neighborhood streets; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Forest Park Police Department is committed to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission Target Zero initiative to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero by 2030; and

WHEREAS, "Healthy Streets" is a term used to describe streets that are designated as places open to people walking, rolling, biking, and playing while not allowing vehicles other than those operated by local residents, guests, emergency services, deliveries, and other essential vehicles to utilize Healthy Streets; and

WHEREAS, designating certain residential streets as a Healthy Street can promote more pedestrian friendly streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

SECTION 1. ADOPT. The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, Washington, supports the inclusion of a Healthy Streets initiative to increase pedestrian safety and the enjoyment of residents on their streets and directs the administration to include Healthy Streets as a possible solution to address requests for traffic calming that provides for the following.

1. Publish Attachment A, the Lake Forest Park Healthy Streets map, on the City's Website identifying which streets may apply for the Healthy Streets Initiative.
2. Establish standard signage that communicates that Healthy Streets allows only local vehicular traffic, emergency services, and other essential vehicles.
3. Establish standard features such as signage, street artwork, or other improvements to indicate entrances to Healthy Streets visually.
4. Report implementation capital costs to the City Council.

SECTION 2. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 9th day of January, 2025.

APPROVED:

Thomas French

Thomas French (Jan 10, 2025 12:08 PST)

Tom French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matt McLean

Matthew McLean
City Clerk

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