

**Watertown City Council**

July 14, 2020

**Agenda Item: Carver County Democrats Car Parade**

**Request for Action: Adopt Resolution #2020-100, Authorizing Use of Streets**

**Department: Shane Fineran, City Administrator**

**Background:**

May Leizinger, Carver County Democrats – SD47 has requested a use of streets to conduct a “mini-parade” of approximately six vehicles on July 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm featuring candidates for the Minnesota House of Representatives and Senate. They are requesting to use all residential streets in the community.

The parade will utilize [guidance](#) of the Minnesota Department of Health and they will also collect food donations for the Friends for Life food shelf in Watertown.

**Funding Source:**

None

**Attachments:**

Request from Mary Leizinger  
Resolution #2020-100

**From:** [Mary Leizinger](#)  
**To:** [Shane Fineran](#)  
**Subject:** Candidate Parade  
**Date:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:06:42 PM

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The Democrats of Carver County would like to have a little "Mini-parade" on the residential streets of Watertown on Saturday morning, July 25th, from 9am until approximately noon. We anticipate approximately 6 vehicles will travel slowly along all of Watertown's residential streets promoting our candidates for Minnesota House and Senate while picking up donations of non-perishable food items from residents that have been left curbside for us. We may have a candidate for the US congress with us as well, but have not yet extended the invitation pending approval of the City of Watertown. We will have some music from a small portable speaker, but it will NOT be blaring and it will feature upbeat, positive songs similar to an ice cream truck in volume. Our candidates will be in decorated vehicles waving to their neighbors and constituents. This little parade will be similar to the drive-by birthday party parades that have become popular across the country during the pandemic. The food shelf donations will be placed into our mini-float which is a red, white and blue box built upon a licensed snow mobile trailer that we typically tow in the Rails to Trails and other community parades throughout Carver County most summers. Once we have traveled all of the Watertown streets, the food donations will be brought to the Friends For Live food shelf in the city hall building for drop-off.

May we have permission to conduct this mini-parade?

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**CITY OF WATERTOWN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-98**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF MUNICIPAL STREET**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Watertown (the “City”) provides for private use of City streets and parking facilities for special events and uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has received a request from Mary Leizinger, Carver County Democrats-SD47 (the “Group”) to utilize residential streets for a parade on July 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the use will consist of approximately 6 vehicles with music and collection of food items; and

**WHEREAS**, the Business shall comply with the following conditions related to the use of streets:

1. The business shall be responsible for the management and clean-up of trash related to the parade.
2. The business shall provide the city a certificate of insurance naming the city as additional insured.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Watertown, Minnesota, hereby approves the use of said municipal streets.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Watertown this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

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Steve Washburn, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Tschudi, Clerk/Treasurer