

CITY OF PEEKSKILL COMMON COUNCIL
PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK

AGENDA BILL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ESTHER STREET THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026	FOR AGENDA OF: 01/12/2026		AGENDA # J-6
	DEPT. OF ORIGIN:	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	
	DATE SUBMITTED:	12/23/2025	
	DEPT. HEAD:	CAROL J. SAMOL, AICP	
	STAFF:		
	EXHIBITS:		
APPROVED BY CITY ATTORNEY			ELG
APPROVED BY COMPTROLLER			JgJ
APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMISSION			mca

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED:	N/A	AMOUNT BUDGETED:	N/A	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED:	N/A
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SUMMARY STATEMENT

THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ESTHER STREET THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 TO CONTINUE ITS USE AS A PUBLIC OUTDOOR SPACE.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ESTHER STREET THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.

MOVED BY:	SECONDED BY:
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ROLL CALL VOTE				
MAYOR MCKENZIE			COUNCILMAN DIGRUCCIO	
DEPUTY MAYOR RILEY			COUNCILWOMAN CHANG	
COUNCILWOMAN TALBOT			COUNCILMAN RIGGER	
COUNCILMAN FASSETT				

FUNDING SOURCE (FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, BUDGET)	AMOUNT	GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT	CITY MATCH AMOUNT	CITY MATCH GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT
FEDERAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STATE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COUNTY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BUDGET	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY
CLOSURE OF ESTHER STREET TO VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, in order to improve quality of life by providing a comfortable, public outdoor space downtown, the Common Council authorized a temporary closure of Esther Street to vehicles by Resolution J-7 of November 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has extended the temporary closure of Esther Street to vehicular traffic annually, and recently extended the temporary closure of Esther Street to vehicular traffic through December 31, 2025, by Resolution J-13, adopted on February 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Esther Street to vehicular traffic enables the space to be open to pedestrians as well as to be used by certain merchants, artists and others on Esther Street who operate a permitted outdoor use, and creates a pedestrian friendly walkway that promotes tourism in the downtown; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue this program for the benefit of residents and businesses in the City of Peekskill, the closure of Esther Street to vehicular traffic may be extended for a certain period of time; and

WHEREAS, any merchant seeking to utilize this public outdoor space must have a valid permit to operate a sidewalk café and/or an outdoor dining or retail use; and

WHEREAS, any individual or group seeking to utilize this public outdoor space for an organized outdoor program of entertainment or exhibition to which the general public is invited or expected to attend, must have a valid special event permit for such use; and

WHEREAS, the requirements related to all use regulations, including but not limited to restrictions on noise, alcoholic beverage service and litter, shall still apply; and

WHEREAS, all merchants must comply with the guidelines set forth in the revised City of Peekskill Restaurant and Retail Outdoor Expansion Guide and any other requirements the City of Peekskill imposes for the safe and successful operation of this pedestrian area; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council deems it in the best interest of the City of Peekskill to continue the temporary closure of Esther Street through December 31, 2026, for the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police and Superintendent of Public Works, or their designees, are hereby authorized to continue the temporary closure of Esther Street to vehicular traffic through December 31, 2026, in order to provide outdoor space to be used by members of the public, including, but not limited to, pedestrians as well as by certain merchants, artists and others who operate a permitted, outdoor use that is in compliance with all City of Peekskill ordinances and regulations, to create a pedestrian friendly walkway and promote tourism in the downtown Peekskill area; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or his authorized designee to take all and any necessary actions to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.