



## Legislation Text

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Request to Issue a Street Closing Permit for *sladesign Fashion Show 2024*

**PURPOSE:** This agenda item is to request that the Town Council consider adopting a resolution to issue a Street Closing Permit Application submitted by Marcela Slade for the temporary closing and usage of East Weaver Street from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Friday, April 12, 2024, to host the *sladesign Fashion Show 2024*.

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

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**COUNCIL DIRECTION:**

☐ Race/Equity ☐ Climate ☐ Comprehensive Plan ☒ Other

On April 24, 2018, Town Council approved revisions to Article III of Chapter 7 of the Town Code relating to regulation of street or other public events. The revised Town Code removed the requirement for a public hearing prior to approval of a street closing permit by the Town Council. Town Code requires:

Section 7-20 Staff Review - Upon receipt of the permit application, the administrator shall circulate it to the police chief, the fire chief, the public works director, and other appropriate persons, such as the Special Events Committee for their comment. The administrator may arrange to have a conference on the application with the applicant and one or more department heads.

Section 7-24: Street Closing in the Carrboro Town Code: “(a) If the administrator finds that the permit should be issued and that, to conduct the event, it is necessary to close a street or to reroute traffic, the Town Council may pass a resolution authorizing this to be done. No such resolution shall be passed affecting streets that are part of the street system without the approval of the State Department of Transportation.

(b) The resolution shall identify the street or portion thereof to be affected and shall indicate the date and time when the street or portion thereof is to be closed or traffic thereon is to be limited in some way. The resolution shall also direct the administrator to have appropriate traffic control devices installed to give notice of the temporary traffic controls.”

Race and Equity Pocket Questions are included as Attachment C.

**INFORMATION:** Marcela Slade submitted a Street Closing Permit Application for the temporary closing and usage of portions of East Weaver Street on Friday, April 12, 2024 (rain date Friday, April 19, 2024), from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm to host the *sladesign Fashion Show 2024*. The event will take place between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm, allowing one half hour before the event to setup and one-half hour after the event for cleanup.

See Attachment B - Street Closing Permit Application and Town of Carrboro Community Event Pre-Application).

The Town's Special Event Committee reviewed the Town of Carrboro Community Event Pre-Application and the event organizer met with Town staff to discuss logistics and needs from the Town.

*sladesign Fashion Show 2024* is a free event, open to the public. The event will consist of "handmade, one-of-a-kind" clothing including many upcycled pieces. The event is intended to provide entertainment and debut the new *sladesign* collection. There will be live musicians as well as seating area for attendees. Clothing will be available for purchase during the fashion show and there will be a "changing room" for customers to try items on. Businesses on East Weaver Street will be notified about the event and invited to participate or conduct business as usual.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Carrboro Public Works and Police Department staff will help set up and maintain the required street closure. The applicant will be responsible for all costs incurred by the Town to facilitate the event. The applicant paid the Street Closing Permit Application fee.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Interim Town Manager recommends the Town Council approve the attached resolution (Attachment A) issuing the street closing permit for the *sladesign Fashion Show 2024* on April 12, 2024, with a rain date Friday, April 19, 2024.