

**South Addition Community Council Resolution
2025-04**

A Resolution Supporting the Temporary Closure of 15th Avenue Between S Street and N Street on October 31, 2025, between the hours of 4PM to 10PM, to Provide a Safe and Family-Friendly Trick-or-Treating Environment.

WHEREAS, Halloween is a widely celebrated community tradition that brings together families, neighbors, and children of all ages for festive trick-or-treating activities, and the primary reason for street closures on Halloween is to reduce the risk of accidents involving children and drivers, especially on busy trick-or-treating evenings;

WHEREAS, the safety of children and families during Halloween is a community priority, particularly in areas with historically high pedestrian activity and limited visibility;

WHEREAS, Halloween night is statistically the deadliest evening of the year for child pedestrians in the United States—children under 18 are approximately three times more likely to be struck and killed by a vehicle on October 31 than on other days, with risk rising to ten times for children aged 4–8, according to a 2019 study published in *JAMA Pediatrics*;

WHEREAS, 15th Avenue between S Street and N Street is a residential corridor that sees significant pedestrian use on Halloween evening, and temporarily closing this segment to motor vehicles would reduce the risk of traffic-related incidents and support better **traffic management** in the area, especially as it experiences an influx of both trick-or-treaters and their drivers;

WHEREAS, similar street closures in Anchorage and other cities have proven effective in creating safer and more enjoyable holiday experiences for residents;

WHEREAS, providing a car-free environment encourages walking, fosters **community engagement** by offering a designated, safe space for neighbors to interact and celebrate, and supports public safety goals consistent with the Municipality of Anchorage's Complete Streets and Vision Zero initiatives;

WHEREAS, local governments may require permits for temporary street closures, and it is essential to coordinate with residents, homeowner associations, emergency services, and municipal departments to ensure the event is safe, well-organized, and minimally disruptive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SACC supports the temporary closure of 15th Avenue between S Street and N Street to motorized traffic on the evening of Friday, October 31, 2025, from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM to create a safe, welcoming space for Halloween trick-or-treating.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SACC requests coordination with the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Police Department, the Anchorage Fire Department, and local residents to ensure proper permitting, traffic signage, access for emergency vehicles, and timely communication with all affected parties.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the South Addition Community Council this ____ day of _____, 2025.