

Introduced in Council on above date and referred to Committee on January 23, 2024

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Scranton, PA February 6, 2024

Committee on Community Development Opinions to be filed within ordinance

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Chair

SIXTH ORDER:

January 31, 2024

FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2

2024

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NUMBER 13 OF 2022 THAT CLOSED CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CENTER STREET AND LEE COURT TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO DEVELOP A PEDESTRIAN "LIVING ALLEY."

WHEREAS, on or about June 7, 2022, Council passed an Ordinance filed as File of the Council Number 13 of 2022 that closed certain portions of Center Street and Lee Court to vehicular traffic to develop a pedestrian "Living Alley" to support economic development downtown and encourage public health through pedestrian activity, and a fully executed copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the certain portion of the roadway currently known as Center Street, that is identified as "Exhibit A" in File of the Council Number 13 of 2022 and is situated between Adams Avenue and North Washington Avenue, and the certain portion of Lee Court that is also identified in the original "Exhibit A" abutting Center Street, has been closed to vehicular traffic for the past year; and

WHEREAS, since closure of the street, the City has conducted a Traffic Study to review reopening the street to a one-way traffic pattern westbound from Adams Avenue to Dix Court in order to achieve traffic calming; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that study, the City Engineer recommends the conversion of Center Street to a one-way westerly direction from Adams Avenue to Dix Court to allow for safe traffic circulation and prevent two opposing vehicles to have to back up to pass one another; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scranton wishes to adopt the recommendation issued by the City Engineer as outlined in Exhibit B attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON that the Ordinance filed under File the of Council Number 13 of 2022 that closed certain portions of Center Street and Lee Court to vehicular traffic to develop a pedestrian "living alley" is hereby amended to designate Center Street as a one-way street to allow for traffic to drive in a westerly direction from Adams Avenue to Dix Court. The remainder of Center Street can remain a two-way street from Dix Court to North Washington Avenue. Eastbound vehicles entering from North Washington Avenue can utilize Dix Court northerly to Biden Street to exit from the Center Street area.

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SECTION 1. If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance, so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Ordinance or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interest of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Ordinance, and the effective administration thereof.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is enacted by the Council of the City of Scranton under the authority of the Act of Legislature, April 13, 1972, Act No. 62, known as the "Home Rule Charter and Option Plans Law" and any other applicable law arising under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

Passed by the Council

February 6, 2024

Recording the Affirmative votes of Council Persons


~~KING SCHUSTER ROTHCHILD MCANDREW SMURL~~

Negative NONE


President

Approved

2/7/2024


Mayor


City Clerk

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