

**CITY OF STANWOOD
Stanwood, Washington**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A PILOT PARKLET PROGRAM ALLOWING BUSINESSES IN THE HISTORIC EAST AND WEST END BUSINESS DISTRICTS TO RECLAIM A PORTION OF THE ON-STREET PARKING FOR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SEATING AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STIMULATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY DUE TO COVID-19.

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19 directing state agencies to use all resources necessary to prepare for and respond to the outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 Governor Inslee announced a statewide shutdown of restaurants, bars, and expanded social gathering limitations; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee signed the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order on March 24, 2020 in an effort to control the spread of COVID 19 and reduce the burden on Washington's hospitals; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020 the Governor released the Washington State "Safe Start" plan: a four phased approach to re-opening Washington's economy; and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 of the Safe Start plan allows restaurants to open at less than 50% capacity, no bar seating, and tables seating no more than 5 people; and

WHEREAS, the Phase 2 Safe Start plan also allows retail businesses to open at 30% maximum occupancy along with other social distancing restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to support Stanwood's local business recovery efforts by implementing a Pilot Parklet Program that allows businesses to use a portion of the adjacent on street parking area for public or private seating space allowing businesses to meet the requirements of the Phase 2 Safe Start plan; and

WHEREAS, Parklets are public or private seating platforms that convert curbside parking spaces into vibrant community spaces such as café seating, open seating areas, art space or other public amenities; and

WHEREAS, Parklets are an inexpensive and innovate way to allow restaurants and retail businesses to safely reopen and expand their services while still meeting social distancing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, by starting Parklet Program as a pilot project it allows the city to test the acceptance by the business community and the public's desire to convert some of the parking spaces along 271st Street and 270th Street into useable public spaces; and

WHEREAS, a Pilot Parklet Program Guidebook has been prepared which is intended to provide an economic revitalization “kick-start” to businesses in the two historic downtown districts following the COVID-19 shutdown; and

WHEREAS, the draft Parklet Program was reviewed and received unanimous support by the Economic Development Board on May 29, 2020, the Planning Commission on June 8, 2020, the Community Development Committee on June 11, 2020 and was presented at the Stanwood Chamber of Commerce general meeting on July 16, 2020; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

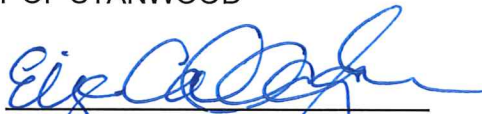
Section 1. The Stanwood City Council hereby authorizes approval of the Pilot Parklet Program, A Main Street Economic Development Initiative, attached as Exhibit A to this resolution.

Section 2. The Pilot Parklet Program shall be valid until December 31, 2022. This gives the program two full operating years. Prior to the end of the pilot program period, city staff shall submit a program summary report to the City Council making a recommendation to continue or cancel the program.

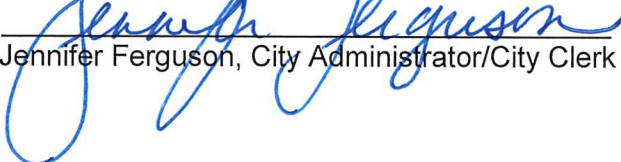
Section 3. The Stanwood City Council hereby directs staff to begin working with local businesses on implementing the Pilot Parklet Program which could include use of CARES Act funding, if available, to help kick-start the program.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Stanwood this 13th day of August, 2020.

CITY OF STANWOOD

By: 
Elizabeth Callaghan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By 
Jennifer Ferguson, City Administrator/City Clerk