



## **Department of Tourism and Special Events**

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**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Kory Brown, Director of Tourism and Special Events;  
Ric Semonski, Supervisor of Streets, Public Works

**DATE:** August 24, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Festival of Lights Road Closures - IDOT

**DISCUSSION:** Each year, the City of East Peoria is required to acquire permits from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the closure of State highways in East Peoria for the Festival of Lights. Two (2) permits are required, one for each state route that is temporarily closed for the parade. The permits are for temporary lane closures of Illinois Route 8 and Illinois Route 150.

The parade will be held on November 18, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution for temporary road closures and forward the permit requests to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2324-067**

**East Peoria, Illinois**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2023

**RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE  
OF STATE MAINTAINED ROADWAYS FOR A PUBLIC EVENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of East Peoria is sponsoring The Festival of Lights Parade (the "Parade") in the City of East Peoria, which event constitutes a public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parade will require the temporary closure of parts of Illinois Routes 8 and U.S. 150, all highways located in the City of East Peoria, but under the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation ("IDOT") to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of state highways for such public purposes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Director of Public Works or his designee shall request permission from IDOT to close the following sections of the indicated highways during the time period between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, 2023:

- A. Illinois Route 8 from Dolans Lane to I-74 ("Section A"); and
- B. U.S. Route 150 from Veterans Drive to East Washington Street ("Section B").

**Section 2.** Traffic from the closed portions of the highways shall be detoured over routes with an all-weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which shall be conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the state highway. The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic. The detour routes shall be as follows:

- A. For Section A: From Arnold Road to Fondulac Place to Highview Road to Illinois Route 116.
- B. For Section B: I-74 to Pinecrest Drive to Mueller Road east to South Pleasant Hill Road to Meadows Avenue.

**Section 3.** The City of East Peoria assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

**Section 4.** Police officers or authorized flaggers shall, at the expense of the City of East Peoria, be positioned at each end of the closed sections and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

**Section 5.** Police officers, flaggers and officials shall permit emergency vehicles in emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

**Section 6.** All debris shall be removed by the City of East Peoria prior to reopening the state highways.

**Section 7.** Such signs, flags, barricades, etc., as may be approved by IDOT shall be provided and installed by the City of East Peoria.

**Section 8.** The closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

**Section 9.** The City of East Peoria hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above.

**Section 10.** The City of East Peoria shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$1,000,000 per person \$2,000,000 aggregate which has IDOT and its officials, employees and agents as insureds and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

**Section 11.** A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to IDOT to serve as a request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

**APPROVED:**

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk