



**REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION**  
**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**July 9, 2020**

Department Police

Director Approval Chief Jerry Harrison

**AGENDA ITEM** Consider a request from the Chamber of Commerce to block Pennsylvania Avenue from the south edge of the parking lot located at 125 N. Pennsylvania Ave (Community National Bank and Trust) north to the south edge of Myrtle from 5:00 pm to 11:30 pm on August 29th and September 26th, for the purpose of hosting Downtown Movie Nights.

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION** Lisa Wilson with the Chamber of Commerce requests Pennsylvania Avenue be blocked from Main north to the Community National Bank & Trust driveway on the east side of Penn.

**BACKGROUND** In an effort to promote Downtown Independence the Chamber of Commerce hosts Downtown Movie Nights with assistance from local sponsors. Local eateries and other businesses offer specials to help bring people to our downtown for these events. Downtown Movie Night is typically held on the last Saturday of every month from June to September. Lisa Wilson has requested authorization to block the street on Saturdays, August 29<sup>th</sup> & September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, for these events. Everything is free and there is popcorn, face painting, photo opportunities, and community engagement opportunities for police and fire personnel.

Traditionally Pennsylvania Ave. is blocked from the south edge of the parking lot located at 125 N. Pennsylvania Ave (Community National Bank and Trust) north to the south edge of Myrtle. Organizers will leave enough of the northbound lane open to allow access to the ATM at CNB&T's drive through branch. This allows for events to be held in the street prior to the movie showing. This set up allows police, fire, and EMS vehicles to be on display and allows for first responders to safely respond to emergencies if needed.

**BUDGET IMPACT** No foreseen budget impact

**SUGGESTED MOTION** I move to authorize Lisa Wilson with the Chamber of Commerce to block Pennsylvania Avenue from the south edge of the parking lot located at 125 N. Pennsylvania Ave (Community National Bank and Trust) north to the south edge of Myrtle from 5:00 pm to 11:30 pm on August 29<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of hosting Downtown Movie Nights.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** Aerial

MYRTLE

PENNSYLV

MYRTLE

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BEURSKENS-EVERITT, JENNIFER M; EVERITT, JARED G

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PENNSYLVAN

