



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
July 9, 2020

Department Finance

Director Approval Lacey Lies

AGENDA ITEM Consider authorizing Leadership Independence to place temporary parking stanchions downtown and to accept responsibility of the stanchions after their placement.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Authorize Leadership Independence to place the stanchions downtown and to accept responsibility of the stanchions after their placement.

BACKGROUND Our local businesses have been deeply affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, and we would like to support the downtown restaurants/retailers and overall community by creating a more attractive way to designate restaurant to-go parking/curbside pickup. By building and donating 20 portable reserved parking stanchions to the City of Independence, we will replace the police barricade eyesores that are currently littered across our downtown blocks. These movable stanchions will be used to designate curbside pickup spaces for downtown businesses or reserved parking at venues such as parades, Neewollah, and other functions.

Each stanchion stands approximately 4.5 feet tall and meets all ADA requirements. The post will be constructed of an aluminum fence post, painted black, to which we will attach an aluminum sign, and a black cap at the top providing a finished look. The post will be secured to the base and the top cap by a durable adhesive. The signage will be printed on a vinyl sticker, created at the Fab Lab ICC, matching the shape of the stanchion. The back of the signage portion will be painted black and have our Leadership Independence logo etched in the aluminum. The vinyl sign design will be general and not specific to individual businesses and will hold the City and the Chamber of Commerce logos.

The stanchions will benefit the overall community and City of Independence, and this project will complement and enhance the beauty of the downtown area. Local business will be able to continue offering designated curbside pickup/to go parking for their customers, and customers will be able to continue to support local establishments more easily. These aesthetically pleasing stanchions will be able to serve additional community needs for signage as needed and will allow for the stanchions to be relocated to various other events and will last for several years to come.

BUDGET IMPACT If the City chose to change the vinyl signage it would cost \$7-\$10 per sign (\$140-\$200).

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to allow Leadership Independence to place 20 temporary parking stanchions downtown and to accept the 20 stanchions as a donation from Leadership Independence.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS