

RESOLUTION 2026-44

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING A STREET CLOSURE AND THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON A PUBLIC STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026 ON THE 100 BLOCK OF NORTH DOWNEY STREET FOR A COMMUNITY EVENT.

WHEREAS, Main Street West Branch is requesting an exception of the West Branch Code of Ordinance to allow the consumption and sale of alcohol on the 100 block of North Downey Street during their Kickoff to Summer event which includes a free community concert; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 45.02(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Branch, Iowa prohibits the consumption of alcoholic liquor, wine and beer upon the public streets and highways unless permitted by separate resolution of the City Council; and

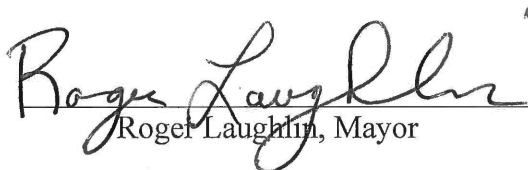
WHEREAS, staff has reviewed their Special Event application and determined that only beer (no hard liquor or glass containers) should be allowed to be served or consumed on the street for the event; and

WHEREAS, Main Street West Branch also requests a street closure for the 100 block of North Downey Street from 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2026 to 11:00 p.m. for the event; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary for the City Council to approve said consumption of alcohol on a public street and street closure for the annual event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa that the aforementioned street closure and allowance of alcohol consumption on the 100 block of North Downey Street from 10:00 a.m. June 13, 2026 to 11:00 p.m. is hereby approved.

Passed and approved this 4th day of May 2026.


Roger Laughlin, Mayor

Attest:


Alycia Friis, City Clerk



April 23, 2026

West Branch City Council:

This letter formally requests a special exception of Chapter 45.02(2) of the West Branch Code of Ordinances to allow beer sales and consumption in a specified section of public street for a community event on June 13, 2026.

Main Street West Branch is planning to host our 5th annual "Summer Kickoff" event including the return of a free outdoor concert for the community to enjoy in addition to other activities designed to attract people to Eat, Shop & Explore in our historic Main Street district. The ultimate goal is to drive traffic to our local businesses, promote West Branch and provide an opportunity to make positive memories in our community. Full details and sketch of the event area can be found on our Special Event Permit request.

Main Street is prepared to execute all safety requirements related to this special exception including street barricades, fencing and signage to indicate the designated area. The liquor licenses will be carried by Herb N Lous and The Downunder, both of which are prepared to carry dramshop coverage and work together to handle alcohol sales during the concert. We will also encourage local eateries to host food stands or offer grab & go meals for attendees to enjoy during the show.

Thank you in advance for supporting our efforts to build community and support our local businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessi Simon".

Jessi Simon
Executive Director
Main Street West Branch
319-643-7100

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy Waters".

Stacy Waters
Board President