



Agenda Item

Orange City Council

Item #: 3.11.

1/13/2026

File #: 25-0707

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Jared Hildenbrand, City Manager

FROM: Christopher Cash, Public Works Director

1. SUBJECT

Approval of temporary street closures for approved special events. Resolution No.11654.

2. SUMMARY

The closure of City streets and paid parking lots, and suspension of neighborhood permit parking restrictions needed to support special events, require annual City Council action. A schedule of anticipated events, along with corresponding street and parking impacts, has been developed with input from event organizers, and is being submitted for approval.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt Resolution No.11654. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange approving the temporary closure of sections of public streets for approved special events.
2. Approve closure of municipal parking lots and temporary suspension of neighborhood permit parking restrictions for certain events and dates occurring in calendar year 2026.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 3: Enhance Public Communication Strategy and Quality of Life

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The closure of City streets and parking lots, and suspension of neighborhood permit parking restrictions necessary to support special events require City Council action. Listed below for approval are special events for the upcoming year that require either: Plaza closure, major street closure, parking lot closure, and/or suspension of permit parking.

Related to the above and in August 1997, the City Council adopted a process for approving special events that involve closing the Plaza and adjacent public streets. The City Council-approved criteria allow the Plaza to be closed for special events for up to twenty days per year, with no more than twelve of those being either a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. This year's requests include Plaza closures of ten days total, six of which fall on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

For non-City events, the event sponsor must also obtain a special event permit from the Community

Development Department.

In accordance with Orange Municipal Code Section 10.40.110, the Public Works Director or designee may temporarily suspend any parking meter operations (paid parking) for public benefit during special events. Staff's intent is to suspend all paid parking (including on streets and in city lots) for events listed under the "Plaza Closure" section of this report. Paid parking is expected to remain in effect for all other events.

Provided below is the schedule of anticipated special events between January 2026 and December 2026.

Plaza Closure

Closure of the Plaza, including all four spoke streets.
Chapman Avenue to be closed from Lemon Street to Grand Street; Glassell Street to be closed from Almond Avenue to Maple Avenue; Orange Street from 155 N. Orange Street to 123 S. Orange Street; Olive Street from 114 N. Olive Street to 115 S. Olive Street. Temporary Suspension of Permit Parking Restrictions Chapman University Neighborhood Permit Parking Area A.

May 2-3, 2026

Celebrate Orange (May Parade, Taste of Orange, and Orange Plaza Car Show - Production Agreement

Pending) Celebrate Orange will be comprised of 3 individual events: May Parade, Taste of Orange, and Orange Plaza Car Show. The overall event will involve a continuous Plaza Closure and suspension of permit parking from 4 a.m., Saturday May 2, to 11 p.m., Sunday, May 3. In addition, the individual events will involve closures of city streets/lots other than the Plaza, as follows:

May Parade - Chamber of Commerce Foundation

From 4 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 2: Chapman Avenue from Cambridge Street to Cypress Street; Pine, Harwood, and Shaffer Streets from Maple Avenue to Almond Avenue; Cleveland Street from Maple Avenue to Chapman Avenue; Center Street from Chapman Avenue to Almond Avenue; Grand Street from Maple Avenue to Chapman Avenue; Orange Street from Maple Avenue to Almond Avenue; Glassell Street from Maple Avenue to Washington Avenue; Olive Street from Maple Avenue to Almond Avenue; Lemon Street from Maple Avenue to Almond Avenue; and Cypress Street from Maple Avenue to Almond Avenue.
Municipal Parking Lot 12.

Taste of Orange - Assistance League of Orange Blossoms

From 8 am to 8 pm on Saturday, May 2: closure of Municipal Parking Lot 2, adjacent to 124 S Orange Street.
Authorization to direct attendees to Municipal Parking Lots 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12, and 13. Dedicated on-street parking on west side of South Orange Street from (adjacent to Municipal Lot 2 for Taste of Orange roll off dumpster only.)

Orange Plaza Car Show - Rotary Club of Orange Plaza
Plaza closure and suspension of permit parking only.

**September 3, 2026 -
September 7, 2026**

Orange International Street Fair, Inc.

Plaza closure from 2:00 a.m. Thursday- September 3, 2026 through 7:00 a.m. Monday - September 7, 2026 Closure of Municipal Parking Lots 1 and 2. Temporary Suspension of Permit Parking Restrictions Chapman University Neighborhood Permit Parking Area A.

October 29-30, 2026

Treats in the Streets Autumn Festival - Community Services

Plaza southeast quadrant closure Thursday, October 29, 2026 5:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.; Closure of one row of parking in Municipal Parking Lot 2 behind Assistance League (thirteen spaces) Thursday, October 29, 2026, 5:00 a.m. - Friday, October 30, 2026 12 p.m.; Temporary suspension of Chapman University Neighborhood Permit Parking Area A, all day Thursday, October 29, 2026; Full Plaza closure Thursday, October 29, 2026, 1:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Chapman Avenue to be closed from Lemon Street easterly to Grand Street; Glassell Street from Almond Avenue northerly to Maple Avenue; Temporary suspension of Permit Parking Restrictions, Around the Old Towne area, all day Thursday, October 29, 2026.

December 4-7, 2026

Tree Lighting Ceremony & Candlelight Choir Procession - Community Services

Plaza Closure, Sunday, December 6, 2026, 2:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Northeast quadrant of the Plaza will remain closed until 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 7, 2026; Saturday, December 5, 2026, 5:00 a.m. - Monday, December 7, 2026, 12:00 p.m. closure of one row of parking in Municipal Lot 2 behind Assistance League (thirteen spaces); Closure of entire south Almond lot from Friday, December 4, 2026 6:00 a.m. - Monday December 7, 2026, 8:00 a.m. Temporary suspension of Permit Parking Restrictions Chapman University Neighborhood Permit Parking Area A, all day Sunday, December 6, 2026; Temporary suspension of Permit Parking Restrictions Old Towne area, all day Sunday, December 6, 2026. Closure of Municipal Parking Lot 1 (Grand Avenue,) all day Sunday December 6, 2026.

June 20, 2026

Street Closure

Annual Old Towne Orange Chili Cook Off - Rotary Club of Orange

Temporary closure of Cypress Street from Chapman Avenue to Maple Avenue on Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

January 21, 2026

Suspend Permit Parking

OHS/Community Showcase - Orange High School

Chapman University Neighborhood Permit Parking Area A

May 22-24, 2026

Baccalaureate & Commencement- Chapman University

Chapman University Neighborhood Permit Parking Area A

June 10-11, 2026

Graduation - Orange Unified School District

El Modena High School/Fred Kelly Stadium Permit Parking Areas D & G West side of McPherson Road between Spring Street & Pearl Street. (Adjacent to Grijalva Park at Santiago Creek)

June 12, 2026

Diploma Distribution - Orange High School

Chapman University Neighborhood Permit Parking Area A

August 18-19, 2026

Student Move-In Day - Chapman University

Freshman Class Student Move-In Day Chapman University Neighborhood Permit Parking A

October 4-10, 2026

Dedicated On-Street Parking

Boutique Noel - Assistance League of Orange

West side of South Orange Street adjacent to Municipal Parking Lot 2 (for Boutique Noel vendors only). Reserve four parking stalls in the northeast corner of Parking Lot 2.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 11654
- Attachment 2 - Map of Municipal Parking Lots
- Attachment 3 - Map of Permit Parking Area A
- Attachment 4 - Site Sketch of South Orange Street at Assistance League Building
- Attachment 5 - 2026 Agreement Exhibit B Car Show Area Map
- Attachment 6 - Letters of Request