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TITLE: <b>Spokane Play Streets and Neighborhood Block Party Program</b> EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2, 2025	

1.0 GENERAL

1.1 PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of the Spokane Play Streets and Neighborhood Block Party program is to create opportunities for neighbors to temporarily close non-arterial streets to provide car-free safe spaces for neighborhood and community-centered activities, including but not limited to block parties, community gatherings, and places for children to play.

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2.0 DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS AFFECTED

This policy shall apply to all departments and divisions.

3.0 REFERENCES

- 3.1 Spokane Municipal Code 16A.84.090 Play Streets and Block Parties

4.0 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 Spokane Play Street is a City street temporarily closed to vehicle traffic for recreational and community-building activities, including but not limited to neighborhood block parties and use by children as a space for play.

## 5.0 POLICY

- 5.1 The Spokane Play Streets and Neighborhood Block Party program is authorized to operate each year between June 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 5.2 All designated Spokane Play Streets are free and open to the public.
- 5.3 Spokane Play Streets may not be designated on any of the following:
  - 5.3.1 An arterial street;
  - 5.3.2 A block where Spokane Transit Authority buses run;
  - 5.3.3 Within 500 feet of active street construction;
  - 5.3.4 On a block requiring access by solid waste on the day of solid waste collection; or
  - 5.3.5 Any block determined by the Streets Department Director to contain unusual conditions such that temporarily restricting traffic would cause unacceptable safety concerns.
- 5.4 Spokane Play Streets may not be longer than one block in length and may not include the use of an intersection.
- 5.5 Spokane Play Streets may be closed from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm only.

## 6.0 PROCEDURE

- 6.1 A Spokane Play Street or Neighborhood Block Party permit applicant should contact and coordinate with surrounding neighbors before applying for a permit. Applicants with approved Spokane Play Street or Neighborhood Block Party permits are required to notify all impacted neighbors at least two days before the closure of the street.
- 6.2 Applications for the Spokane Play Streets Program permit should follow the processes and procedures for special events.
- 6.3 Barricades must be placed on both ends of the street closure. The following barricade types are required for closures based on status as an arterial:
  - 6.3.1 At non-arterial cross streets, applicants may use either Type II barricades or Type III barricades.
  - 6.3.2 At arterial cross streets, applicants must use Type III barricades.
  - 6.3.3 A "Street Closed" sign must be placed in the center of the barricade(s) on both sides of the street closure.
- 6.4 No-turn signs must be placed on arterials that abut the play street.

6.5 Play Street or Neighborhood Block Party permit holders must use signs and barricades provided by the city or non-city signs and barricades that conform to city standards.

6.6 A 20-foot fire lane must be maintained at all times for emergency access.

## 7.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 The Mayor's Office, Street Department, Development Services Center, and Office of Neighborhood Services are responsible for implementing the Spokane Play Streets Program.

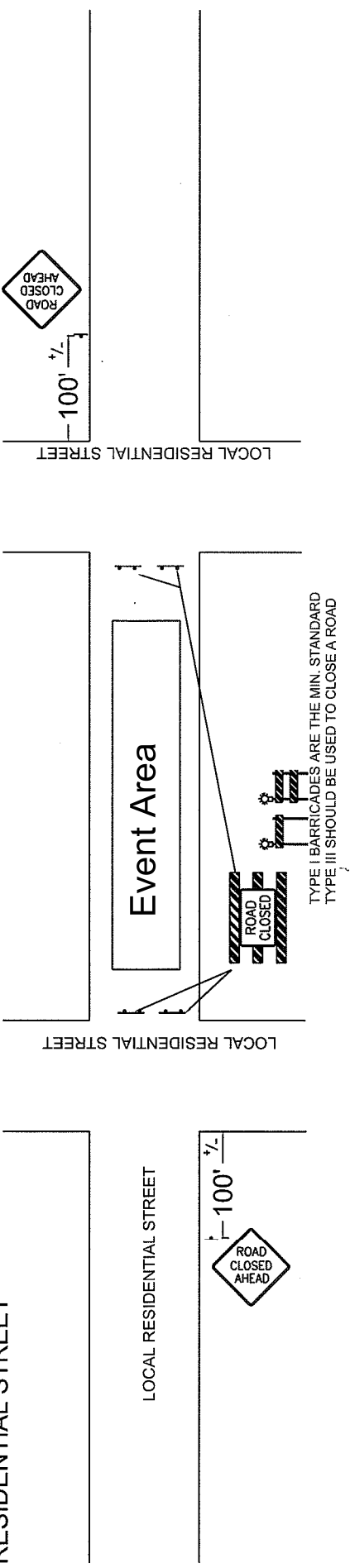
## 8.0 APPENDICES

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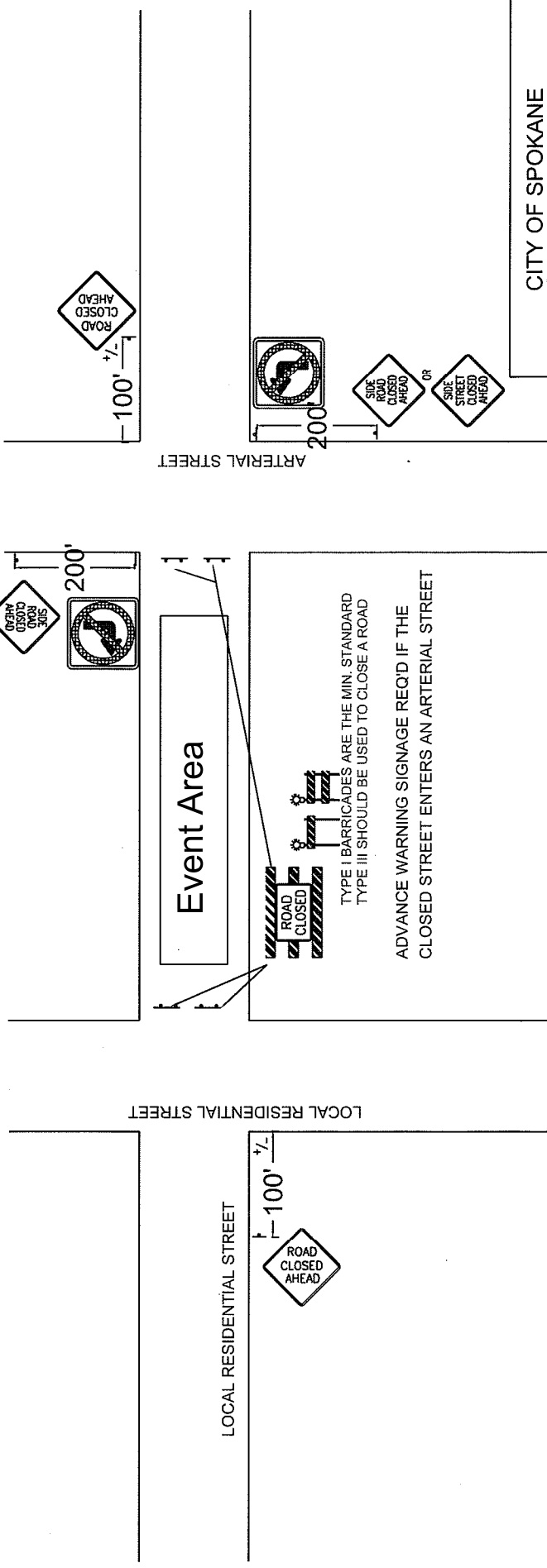
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# TYPICAL STREET CLOSURE ON LOCAL RESIDENTIAL STREET



# TYPICAL STREET CLOSURE ON LOCAL RESIDENTIAL STREET THAT ENTERS AN ARTERIAL STREET













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