

August 3rd, 2021

Dear Downtown Business Owner,

As we approach another exciting Grand Prix weekend, I wanted to reach out and thank you for your understanding and collaboration. Downtown Elkhart is a wonderful setting and we thank our local businesses for being key partners in making this such an attractive location.

I hope that you will have an opportunity to enjoy the race from a spectator perspective, but I also wanted to share with you some important information about the timing of parking and road closures. The city is mindful of the impact these closures can have on our downtown merchants and we have worked diligently to minimize disruptions. With racing starting on Friday afternoon (August 13th), however, we have had to adjust set up times accordingly. Below is a list of closures for your convenience. These closures will be in effect through Sunday, August 15th.

Parking Lot Closures

Beginning Thursday, August 12th at 8:00 a.m.

The following public parking lots will close to the public:

- The East High Street Public Parking Lot
- The Sears Lot

Beginning Thursday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.

The following public parking lots will close to the public:

- The Franklin Street Lot, across from the 911 Communications Center.
- The Civic Plaza Lot.

Street Closures

Beginning Wednesday, August 11th at 8:00 a.m.

Waterfall Drive from Jackson Boulevard to Franklin Street.

Beginning Thursday, August 12th at 8:00 a.m.

NIBCO Parkway from Elkhart Avenue to East Jackson Boulevard.

High Street from Civic Plaza parking to Waterfall Drive.

Beginning Thursday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Franklin Street from Waterfall Drive to Main Street.

Jackson Boulevard from Waterfall Drive to NIBCO parkway.

Elkhart Avenue from NIBCO Parkway to Waterfall Drive.

Waterfall Drive from Franklin Street to East Street.

Beginning Friday, August 13th at Noon

Main Street from High Street to Franklin Street.

Eastbound lane of High Street from Main Street to Civic Plaza Parking.

I encourage you to share these closures with your customers. If you have any questions regarding parking or access to your business during this time, please do not hesitate to contact Elkhart Fire Department Assistant Chief Kristi Sommer at 574-361-2344. Many businesses have multiple points of entry, however, we understand that in certain circumstances, special accommodations may be necessary, and we are happy to assist!

Thank you again for your cooperation during the Elkhart Riverwalk Grand Prix and for your continued commitment to the City of Elkhart!

Sincerely,

Kristi Sommer
Assistant Chief Elkhart Fire