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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President of the Board of Alders
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Dear President Walker-Myers,

In just the second round of World Cup play we are seeing significant excitement and attendance for World Cup Village at Pitkin Plaza. Already we have seen standing room only crowds. To ensure public safety we anticipate that there may be intermittent closures of Orange Street between Center Street and Chapel Street to ensure public safety. These would be executed by the Police Department on an as needed basis and it is anticipated only for evening and weekend games. As temporary or rolling closures these do not require your full approval but we want to alert you to their possibility.

Moreover, in cooperation with Town Green Special Services District, we would like to plan a full closure of the block of Orange between Center and Chapel on Saturday, July 19th from 8am to 7pm for the final game in anticipation of the largest of crowds. Additionally, if based upon the teams that make the finals we anticipate even larger crowds we would like to plan to close Church Street from Chapel to Elm Street to allow a larger viewing area outside of City Hall.

The potential event requires full Board of Alder approval for this closure, and I therefore request your consideration of the request. If we proceed with the closures we will ensure notice to the Alders and an Everbridge to the neighborhood.

Very truly yours,

Rebecca Bombero
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer