



# City of New Haven

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## Legislation Text

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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING THE CLOSURES OF COLLEGE STREET BETWEEN GROVE AND ELM STREET, COLLEGE STREET BETWEEN ELM AND CHAPEL STREET AND HIGH STREET BETWEEN ELM AND CHAPEL FOR YALE'S GRADUATION CEREMONY FROM 8AM TO 12PM ON MONDAY MAY 19TH, 2025 AND THE CLOSURES OF CEDAR STREET BETWEEN YORK STREET AND AMISTAD STREET, WASHINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN CEDAR STREET AND GOLD STREET AND AMISTAD STREET BETWEEN CEDAR STREET AND GOLD STREET FROM 8:30AM TO 4PM ON MONDAY, MAY 19TH, 2025, FOR THE YALE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AND THE CLOSURE OF COLLEGE STREET BETWEEN ELM AND CHAPEL STREET ON SUNDAY, MAY 18TH, 2025 FOR CLASS DAY

WHEREAS, the college graduation marks an important milestone for students; and,

WHEREAS, Yale University plans to host its Commencement ceremony and School of Medicine Commencement on Monday, May 19th; and,

WHEREAS, since COVID, commencement activities have moved outdoors to Cross Campus; and,

WHEREAS, this pivot has altered the logistics for the event; and,

WHEREAS, the scope of the School of Medicine Commencement has grown and now requires road closures; and,

WHEREAS, Class Day, which occurs on Sunday also has a significant footprint which requires the closure of College Street to facilitate safe pedestrian egress; and,

WHEREAS, the City through its department/divisions of Emergency Management; Police; Transportation, Traffic and Parking and Chief Administrator's Office have reviewed this change; and,

WHEREAS, the traditional rolling closures associated with graduation will continue to allow for safe crossings of the roadways that remain open which shall include York, Elm and Chapel Street; and,

WHEREAS, working with the University it has been agreed to promote public safety and to minimize disruptions to downtown traffic the closures of College Street and High Street shall be recommended; and,

WHEREAS, through the normal permitting process, Yale University will request and fund the posting of No Parking for these roadways; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven approves the closures of College Street between Grove and Elm Street, College Street between Elm and Chapel Street and High Street between Elm and Chapel for Yale's graduation ceremony from 8am to 12pm on Monday, May 19th, 2025 and the closures of Cedar Street between York Street and

Amistad Street, Washington Avenue between Cedar Street and Gold Street and Amistad Street between Cedar Street and Gold Street from 8:30am to 4pm on Monday, May 19th, 2025, for the Yale School of Medicine Commencement Ceremony and the closure of College Street between Elm and Chapel Street on Sunday, May 18th, 2025 for Class Day.