EXECUTIVE ORDER 2018-4-19
Pedestrian Safety Zones

Whereas, the Washington State Spring Fair is a major event that is held annually in the State of Washington;

Whereas, the Washington State Spring Fair continually grows in attendance every year;

Whereas, the Washington State Spring Fair, which is held every April, attracts more than 150,000 visitors in a four-day period;

Whereas, most visitors enter the Washington State Spring Fair as pedestrians;

Whereas, the Gold Gate (at the intersection of South Meridian and 9th Avenue SW) and the Blue Gate (located just south of the intersection of South Meridian and 10th Avenue SE) are two of the most heavily used entry gates during the Washington State Spring Fair;

Whereas, thousands of pedestrians cross South Meridian at 9th Avenue SW and at the marked crosswalk in the 1000 block of South Meridian that connects the Blue Lot to the Blue Gate, to gain entry into the Fair and leave the Fair;

Whereas, anything that obstructs, impedes, blocks, hinders, hampers, prohibits, slows, delays or otherwise interferes with pedestrian traffic at the intersection of South Meridian and 9th Avenue SW and the crosswalk between the Blue Gate and Blue Lot substantially degrades pedestrian safety and increases the risk of injury; and

Whereas, pursuant to PMC 10.32.090, the city manager is expressly authorized to establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Pedestrian safety zones are hereby established on the sidewalks that are within or in proximity to the intersection of South Meridian and 9th Avenue SW and in proximity to the crosswalk between the Blue Gate and Blue Lot at the Washington State Spring Fair.

2. The pedestrian safety zones are the area of the sidewalk between the yellow lines that have been applied to the sidewalk by the City in the vicinity of the intersection of South Meridian and 9th Avenue SW and the crosswalk between the Blue Gate and
Blue Lot. The yellow lines that delineate the pedestrian safety zones are depicted in this order. The City may further demarcate the pedestrian safety zones with other means of identification, such as signs and barriers.

3. During the four days of the Washington State Spring Fair in April, nothing shall obstruct, impede, block, hinder, hamper, prohibit, slow, delay or otherwise interfere with pedestrian traffic in the pedestrian safety zones. In addition, no object, article, item, property or any other thing shall be placed, situated, positioned, located, erected, maintained or kept within the pedestrian safety zones. Furthermore, no event, performance, function, show or act shall take place or occur within the pedestrian safety zones. Moreover, no activity that does, or is likely to, obstruct, impede, block, hinder, hamper, prohibit, slow, delay or otherwise interfere with pedestrian traffic in the pedestrian safety zones, shall take place or occur within the pedestrian safety zones.

Dated: March 29, 2018

Kevin J. Yamamoto
City Manager

Approved as to form:

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