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Dear Mayor Treece and Council Members:

The Downtown Community Improvement District would like to provide feedback regarding the proposed Public Inconvenience Fee (PIF) for Street, Sidewalk and Alley closures.

We support historic preservation efforts downtown and are concerned that the costs associated with the proposed PIF will discourage owners from improving and maintaining their buildings. We also are concerned that the fees will have a disproportionate impact on smaller projects, favoring and even encouraging large development downtown.

In an effort to accommodate historic preservation encourage building maintenance and improvement, we recommend the following elements be considered:

- Exemption for buildings already in existence for up to 3 months
- Exemption for new development projects smaller than 10,000 square feet for up to 9 months
- Exemption for all sidewalk closures when a covered walkway is built to allow continued usage of the walkway

We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss and create this proposed PIF as the conversation continues. Thank you in advance for your time and partnership.

Sincerely,

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