



Resolution

Designating a new Downtown Marquette Farmers Market location

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 12, Article IV of the Marquette City Code, the City Commission has the authority to designate by resolution one or more specific City locations as farmers markets; and

WHEREAS, a representative from the Marquette Downtown Development Authority recently submitted a request to begin operating a weekly summer farmers market in the 100 block of Marquette's West Washington Street; and

WHEREAS, the DDA has successfully managed the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market for 24 years, expanding to a point where the market hosts roughly 140 vendors per season; and

WHEREAS, DDA representatives believe relocating the Wednesday evening market will facilitate a unique environment allowing market vendors, downtown businesses, community members, and visitors to enjoy outdoor dining and beverages, while shopping local goods made available by market vendors; and

WHEREAS, the DDA has indicated that this plan is favored by market vendors, district business owners, the DDA's Farmers Market Committee and the DDA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the request, with a focus on the effect of the farmers market on the neighborhood, the zoning of the area, especially the site for the farmers market, other businesses located on the same site, the need for farmers markets in the city, and the proposed organization which will be responsible for operation of the farmers market;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette City Commission does hereby designate the 100 block of West Washington Street as a Farmers Market, to be managed by the Marquette Downtown Development Authority. Such market will operate only on Wednesdays between June 1 and October 1, and only after 4 p.m.

This resolution will take immediate effect.

Duly adopted by the Marquette City Commission on March 27, 2023.

Cody O. Mayer, Mayor

Certified to be a true copy on March 27, 2023.

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk