

RESOLUTION 2014-106
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A TRAIN
HORN NOISE WAIVER PETITION TO THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, train horn noise along the Mason Street Corridor from Laurel Street northward to College Avenue has been a problem for many years because there are anywhere from eight to fifteen trains utilizing those tracks each day and under the Federal Railroad Administration rules, a locomotive must sound its horn in a four blast pattern at least fifteen seconds before occupying an intersection at sound levels ranging between 96 and 110 decibels; and

WHEREAS, after significant public outreach, and upon consultation with Transportation Board, City staff has presented to the City Council a request for permission to file an application with the Federal Railroad Administration for a waiver from the federal requirement for the installation of gates at the seven intersections along the route from Laurel Street to North College Avenue that are currently equipped only with flashing lights; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the application, and as an inducement to Federal Railroad Administration, staff has recommended that the City offer to install traffic signals at the intersection of Mason Street and Maple Street and to close the crossing of the intersections at Mason Street and Magnolia and Myrtle Streets; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City that the City Manager submit to the Federal Railroad Administration the proposed request for a waiver in order for a quiet zone to be established along Mason Street from Laurel Street to North College Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a Train Horn Noise Waiver Petition to the Federal Railroad Administration, Rail Safety Board, to establish a quiet zone along Mason Street from Laurel Street to North College Avenue, which request shall propose the installation of a full traffic control signal at the intersection of Maple Street and Mason Street and the closure of the intersections at Mason Street and Magnolia and Myrtle Streets.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 18th day of November, A.D. 2014.

Karen Weikman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

