

February 23, 2026

City of Racine Common Council
City Clerk's Office
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403

To whom it may concern:

My name is Javonna Lue, and I am the President of the Racine Juneteenth Parade Committee. We are seeking approval for city street closure and supplemental support to hold the 4th Annual Racine Juneteenth Parade on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

Last year, we had over 65 entrants participating in this great tradition, celebrating the freedom that this country was founded on. For this year's parade, staging will begin at 8:00 am and the parade begins at 11:00 am. This opening staging time change from 9:00 am last year to 8:00 am this year is the only difference in this year's parade application. This change was made to accommodate the growth this event has experienced.

We thank the City of Racine Common Council for amending Resolution #10-1995 to include the Racine Juneteenth Parade as an event fiscally sponsored by the City of Racine, in conjunction with other celebrations. Alders Davis, Townsend, Frazier, and President Horton are sponsors of this year's application. The community's support is overwhelming, and the people are ready for another great parade this year. We invite the Council and your families to come and celebrate freedom on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

We request permits for the following street closures:

No parking on Lake Ave for parade staging from 4th St. to 8th St. from 8 am-1 pm.

No Parking for parade staging on 4th, 5th, Sam Johnson Parkway, 6th, and 7th Streets between Main Street and Lake Ave. from 8 am-1 pm.

No Parking on Main St. from 4th St. to 14th St. from 10 am-2 pm.

No Parking on 14th St. from Main St. to Grand Ave. from 10 am-2 pm.

No Parking on Grand Ave. from 14th St. to Caron Butler Drive from 10 am-2 pm.

We request all cross streets along the route to be blocked from traffic while the parade is proceeding. Parade volunteers will be stationed at the barricades of non-major intersections to support parade safety and traffic coordination as in all years past. *Please see attached map of parade route*

Sincerely,

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