

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the Tennessee Department of Health is to improve the health status of the people of Tennessee and follow the lead of the Office of the Surgeon General in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, which has named several public health priorities for disease prevention which include increasing physical activity and reducing the number of citizens who are overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, Memphis, the State of Tennessee and the Midsouth often have the unpleasant distinction of appearing at the top of rankings such as obesity and diabetes rates, and Memphis has appeared at the bottom of lists of cities that are pedestrian and bicycle friendly; and

WHEREAS, government can improve public health by providing an activity friendly community including amenities that encourage the citizens of Memphis to get out of our cars and homes, go outside and walk, bike, run, or simply enjoy the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, cities that are growing are creating such an environment to enrich their citizens quality of life and appeal to those talented and educated workers that all cities strive to attract and retain.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Memphis City Council that Madison Avenue between Front Street and Cooper Street is closed to vehicular traffic Sunday mornings from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and that during these hours Madison Avenue is designated for pedestrian, bicycle and other non-motorized transportation use only.

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