

City of Somerset

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Southern Railway Corporation (Railroad) and the Kentucky Department of Transportation (KyDOT) have advised the City of Somerset (City) that the railroad crossing at West Columbia Street in Somerset, Kentucky is one of the most dangerous and potential sites for a derailment and is a potential danger to safety and health of citizens; and

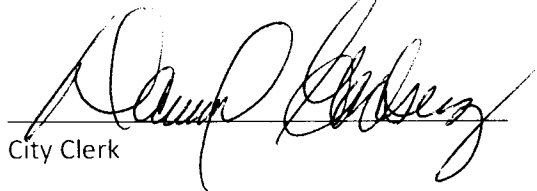
WHEREAS, said crossing and any derailment at that site would potentially disrupt commerce and evacuations would be required for the hospital, residences, and cost hundreds of jobs in the area as well as close US 27 for certain periods of time; and

WHEREAS, there is no visible opposition to said closing except for one citizen and many business and citizens of the area are totally in favor of the closing for health, safety and economic reasons with City holding a public hearing on said closing; and

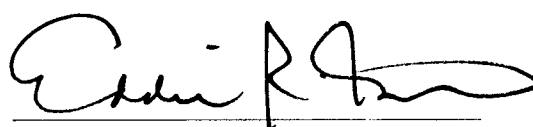
WHEREAS, the Railroad and KyDOT will provide not less than \$50,000 for security and community services to the City.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to close the crossing after reasonable notice (not less than 45 days) to the public about the closing with the provisions that a pedestrian crossing be maintained and City retains discretion to work with Railroad and KyDOT to reopen if funding and safety issues would be resolved.

Adopted this 10th day of December, 2012.



City Clerk



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