

**RIVER HEIGHTS CITY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2-2025**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXTENSION OF 200 EAST ACROSS LOGAN  
RIVER AND THROUGH RIVER HEIGHTS IN THE RIVERDALE AREA**

WHEREAS, River Heights City is committed to protecting the health, safety, environmental integrity, and quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, a proposal under consideration seeks to extend 200 East across the Logan River and through the Riverdale area of River Heights City; and

WHEREAS, River Heights City finds no benefit to the city or its residents in allowing 200 East to extend through River Heights, as it primarily serves external transportation interests without serving the internal mobility needs of River Heights citizens; and

WHEREAS, alternative alignments exist that are less costly, less environmentally destructive, and less disruptive to the community than the proposed crossing; and

WHEREAS, the Logan River Task Force, in its official statement dated March 14, 2025, strongly recommended against the extension of 200 East across the Logan River, citing significant negative impacts to river health, ecological function, and community values, and instead recommended utilizing the existing intersection at 300 South to connect 100 East and 200 East without impacting the Logan River; and

WHEREAS, an independent ecological review conducted by Cindy Johnson, President/Ecologist of Natural Resources Consulting, identified extensive environmental, safety, and infrastructure concerns associated with the proposed cross-river alignment, including but not limited to:

- Limited utility because of no connection to east/west traffic extending west of Main Street;
- Awkward intersection between 200 East and 100 East;
- Poor visibility in proposed intersection because of the topography;
- Increased flood hazards due to obstruction of river flow;
- Degradation of water quality due to runoff;
- Habitat fragmentation and disruption of wildlife movement;
- Elevated risk of wildlife-vehicle collisions;
- Impacts to nesting, roosting, and wintering bird species;
- Reduction in dark sky conditions contrary to River Heights City's adopted Dark Sky Ordinance;

- Loss of open space and scenic qualities;
- Adverse effects on recreational users, such as fishermen, cyclists, and pedestrians;
- Logistical challenges with maintenance with fractured municipal jurisdiction over the road;
- Increased financial burdens on River Heights City for construction, maintenance, and jurisdictional complexity, with no corresponding community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would require the removal or substantial alteration of numerous existing residential and commercial properties within River Heights City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RIVER HEIGHTS CITY, UTAH, that:

1. River Heights City is officially opposed to the proposal to extend 200 East across the Logan River and through River Heights City in the Riverdale area.
2. River Heights City strongly encourages responsible planning that prioritizes the protection of the Logan River corridor, minimizes environmental impact, preserves existing neighborhoods, and respects the city's adopted ordinances, general plan, and community values.
3. River Heights City urges project stakeholders to pursue less invasive, lower cost, and environmentally preferable alternatives, particularly the connection of 100 East and 200 East through the existing 300 South intersection as recommended by the Logan River Task Force.
4. The Mayor and City Council are authorized to transmit this resolution to appropriate agencies, officials, and organizations involved in the planning process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the River Heights City Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

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Blake Wright, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheila Lind, City Recorder