



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: April 4, 2006
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral to: None

Subject: **Adopt Changes in Block Event Ordinance relating to National Night Out**

Recommendation:

- a. Set Public Hearing for April 18, 2006 to adopt the proposed ordinance changes for block events (Title 17, Chapter 455 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Block Events)

Previous Directives:

On March 31, 2006 the subject matter of the ordinance amendment was introduced and referred to T&PW

Prepared by: Jon Wertjes, P.E., PTOE, Director, Traffic & Parking Services

Approved by:

Klara Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Jon Wertjes, P.E., PTOE, Director, Traffic & Parking Services

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable <u> X </u>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval _____	Not applicable <u> X </u>

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):

- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

Public Works has been working with the Police Department CCP/SAFE Unit and the City Attorney's Office to develop proposed changes to the block event ordinance to improve the process and encourage increased participation for National Night Out events. The ordinance modifications will result in the following improvements in the National Night Out process:

- Fees for National Night Out (NNO) will be reduced or eliminated
- There will be a single point of communication and information for NNO events
- The block event and street closure process will be combined in a single application

In order to accomplish these improvements, Public Works and the Police Department are recommending the following changes:

- a. Administration of NNO events will be transferred to the Police Department/CCP SAFE. The proposed ordinance change reflects this change in responsibility.
- b. CCP/SAFE will be responsible to approve and issue the residential NNO block event permits. In order to accomplish this, Public Works will share the Residential Block Event web-based permitting system with CCP/SAFE. The web-based permitting system changes will be made by BIS.
- c. The fee structure for residential NNO events will be as follows:
 - For applications received 14 days or more prior to NNO, there will be no fee
 - For applications received 6 to 13 days prior to NNO, there will be a \$100 fee
 - Applications received 5 days or less will not be accepted
- d. All residential NNO events will use official block event tape and signs as the method of street closure. CCP/SAFE will provide the official NNO tape and street closure signs to residents.
- e. Residential block events requiring barricades will not be held on the same date as NNO. The regular block event permitting process will be used the other 364 days of the year.

If these ordinance changes are approved, modifications to the block event permitting system will be made during early May so that 2006 NNO applications can be taken starting May 15.

Attachment: Chapter 455. Block Events (proposed)

cc: All Council Members
Tim Dolan
Police CCP/SAFE
Ed Backstrom