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RE: Special Event Permit Application –“No Kings Rally II”

Event Date: 10-18-2025 at 0900 a.m. through 10-18-2025 through 01:00 p.m.

Location: Iowa County Courthouse proceeding to Fountain St. Park (105 W. Fountain St.) via West sidewalk of N. Iowa St.

FROM: Chief of Police Brandon E. Wilhelm

Public Safety Impact- The use of City property for this event, including sidewalks and a park area, raises concerns for Public Safety related to traffic movement, crowd size, pedestrian, and attendee safety. Political demonstrations also have an increased risk of malicious behaviors due to conflicting ideologies and/or large crowds in confined areas and spaces.

As part of the approval process, it is the recommendation of Chief of Police Brandon Wilhelm, that an Emergency Operations and Response plan be created for this event in partnership with EMS, Fire, and event staff, before the date of the event.

Traffic Movement- Per the proposed license, there is no predetermined impact to traffic. Based on a similar previous event, there were temporary impacts as pedestrians crossed within crosswalk areas. Parade marshals assisted with travel in those situations and will be recommended to do so for this event.

There is no specified detour within this application. When completing the operations plan, a determination will be made if W. Fountain St. and or S. Montgomery St. should be rerouted to ensure the safety of citizens and limit impacts to traffic flow.

Police Protection- This event will require police presence. Presence will be variable based on the completion of the Emergency Operations plan. Certain times of the event may require more officers than other times. Evaluation will be given to the previous similar event to assist with the determination of expected Officer involvement.

At least two additional Officers will be required.

Crowd Control- This function involving participants is of moderate concern, given the estimated crowd at this time. Previous estimates for a similar event vastly underestimated the expected turnout. Constant evaluation throughout the event will be provided by on-scene law enforcement to determine necessary crowd control measures.

State Highway Closure- This regular application does not include State Highway Use.

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Parking- Parking will take place on the adjacent streets, and we do not expect any issues.

Emergency Vehicle Access- Emergency vehicle access will be available via adjacent streets. Access to adjacent private property/residences may be slightly impacted by crowd size, barricades, etc.

Recommendation: It is my recommendation to the Dodgeville Common Council to approve a special event license with a requirement that an emergency operations plan be created with Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS input in conjunction with event staff, prior to the event date.

Brandon E. Wilhelm

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