



Board: City Commission
Agenda Date: May 11, 2026
Presenter: Rob Spreitzer

Staff Report

Agenda Item Title:

Special Event Permit | Saunders Point Bi-Monthly Outdoor Live Music

Background:

Saunders Point Brewing has submitted a request seeking approval to temporarily utilize select public parking spaces adjacent to the east side of the brewery along the west side of 10th Street for the purpose of hosting outdoor live music events during the summer season. The request is proposed as a pilot program occurring on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from June through September during evening hours. The events are intended to support continued activation within the Downtown Social District by encouraging pedestrian activity, community gathering opportunities, and increased visitation to surrounding downtown businesses.

Following internal review and discussion among department heads, staff recommended that any approved event configuration include closure of the full street segment from Delta Avenue to the adjacent alley during event hours, rather than limiting barricades to individual parking spaces. This recommendation aligns with prior City Commission direction regarding downtown street activation events and addresses public safety and liability concerns related to pedestrian congregation adjacent to active traffic lanes. Public Works staff indicated support for placement of barricades should the Commission choose to authorize the pilot program. A copy of the applicant's full request correspondence is attached for Commission review and consideration.

Fiscal Effect:

~\$600-\$800 in DPW Labor for Barricade Placement

Supporting Documentation:

Email | Formal Request: Recurring Partial Street Use for Outdoor Live Music (Pilot Program)

Recommendation:

Motion to approve the request submitted by Saunders Point Brewing for a summer pilot program permitting temporary closure of the 10th Street segment from Delta Avenue to the adjacent alley on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, June through September 2026, during approved event hours for outdoor live music events, contingent upon coordination with City staff regarding barricades and verification of the establishment's current insurance coverage.