



## Agenda Abstract

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	March 23, 2026
Department:	Planning and Economic Development
Agenda Section:	Consent
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

#### PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Planning Technician Dakotah Kimbrough

#### ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

**Subject:** Special Event Permit – 2026 Last Fridays and Art Walk Series

**Attachments:**

Special Event Permit Application

**Summary:**

The Hillsborough Arts Council is to hold their recurring Last Fridays and Art Walk series on each last Friday of the month from March through November. This free event attracts attendees every month and provides a variety of experiences and activities for people to explore in downtown Hillsborough. Set up for each event will take place from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and will run from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Breakdown will be completed by 10 p.m.

Depending on the time of year, there are different elements present at the Last Friday events. Year-round, there are monthly happenings at participating Art Walk venues. From April through November, the Living Arts Collective will provide drumming and dance activities in River Park. From May through October, the Maker's Market and Live on the Lawn performance series will take place on the grounds of the Old Courthouse. There will also be occasional performance artists on downtown sidewalks.

No tickets or admission fees are being sold, but donations are solicited for the Hillsborough Arts Council. Vendors will be on site selling goods, crafts, and wares, but no food or beverages (including alcohol) are sold. Microphones and amplification equipment will be used for performances, but the only items to remain overnight are the portable restrooms to be picked up by their contractor at first availability. Up to forty 10'x10' tents will be provided by the vendors.

Organizers are requesting the following town services: 4 trash rollout carts for each month's event and road closure on Court Street from 3 to 9 p.m. during the events from May through November for the Maker's Market vendors.

**Financial impacts:**

Low financial impacts, with sponsorship of town services result in department level costs.

**Staff recommendation and comments:**

Staff recommend approval.

**Action requested:**

Approve, approve with conditions, or deny the special event permit.