



## COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

**MEETING DATE:** October 6, 2025

**TOPIC:** Approval of Special Event – Orion Lighted Christmas Parade

### BACKGROUND BRIEF:

The Orion Lighted Christmas Parade is a beloved annual tradition in the community, typically held in early December. Known for its festive, light-filled floats and strong community spirit, the parade brings together local schools, organizations, businesses, and families to celebrate the holiday season.

This is the 30<sup>th</sup> year the parade has been held, featuring music, dancing, themed floats, and a grand appearance by Santa Claus. Thousands of spectators attend each year, making it one of the area's most anticipated holiday events.

Organized with the help of volunteers and local sponsors, the parade not only spreads cheer but also supports downtown businesses and fosters community pride. It's a festive kickoff to the holiday season and a cherished part of Lake Orion's small-town charm.

Bill Kokenos of Orion Area Parade Group submitted a Special Event Permit Application on September 24, 2025, for the annual Orion Lighted Christmas Parade. The event is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, following the traditional route from Blanche Sims Elementary School to Lake Orion School Administration Building.

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

To adopt Resolution No. 2025-038 approving the "Orion Lighted Christmas Parade" Special Event Permit and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and the Orion Area Parade Group represented by Bill Kokenos, for the event to be held on December 6, 2025, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.