



COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: November 10, 2025

TOPIC: Approval of Special Event – Polar Express

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

The Polar Express Trolley Rides in Downtown Lake Orion is a festive holiday event that brings the magic of the season to life through themed trolley rides between Downtown Lake Orion and Downtown Oxford. Organized by the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority in partnership with Downtown Oxford, the event offers families a joyful way to experience the holidays while exploring both downtown areas. The decorated trolley travels along a special route with stops at participating Holiday Passport locations, encouraging visitors to discover local shops, restaurants, and seasonal activities. This event is designed to spread holiday cheer, enhance the downtown experience, and support small businesses by driving foot traffic during the winter season. With its festive atmosphere, community collaboration, and connection between two charming downtowns, the Polar Express Trolley Rides have become a highlight of the local holiday calendar and a cherished tradition for families in the area.

Emily Dziegielewski of Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority submitted a Special Event Permit Application on October 20, 2025, for the annual Polar Express. The event is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

To adopt Resolution No. 2025-041 approving the “Polar Express” Special Event Permit and the License Agreement between the Village of Lake Orion and the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority, represented by Emily Dziegielewski, for the event to be held on December 13, 2025, and to authorize the Village Council President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.