



City Council Agenda Report

City of Long Lake

450 Virginia Avenue, PO Box 606

Long Lake, MN 55356

MEETING DATE / May 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Special Event Permit Request for the Minnesota Inboard Summer Surf Tour Stop at Birch's on the Lake

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Report Date: 5/12/2026

Recommended City Council Action

Staff recommends the following:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-24 approving issuance of Special Event Permit #S2026-06 for the Minnesota Inboard Summer Surf Tour Stop to be held June 20, 2026; to approve issuance of a Noise Variance Permit; and to authorize the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol Unit to permit the event.

Overview / Background

Birch's on the Lake is requesting a Special Event Permit to host the Minnesota Inboard Summer Surf Tour Stop on Saturday, June 20 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The event is comprised of Minnesota Inboard demonstrating two (in total) 2026 model wake boats and offering professional rider exhibitions; wake surf lessons with professional instructors; a DJ broadcasting amplified music from the Birch's deck; food and beverage specials; and event sponsors providing product giveaways and sampling.

Birch's on the Lake has also submitted an application to Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Water Patrol for the required Special Event Permit from their office.

Staff recommends the City Council review the proposed event narrative and consider approval of the application contingent on receipt of documentation and satisfaction of conditions as specified in the attached Special Event Permit.

PLEASE NOTE: Staff is aware that complaints were received about wake activity and damages that occurred on the date of last year's event. It is important to note that the wake activity that occurred was not due to the event itself, but rather was caused by other boating traffic that had hauled in to support MN Inboard. Both the applicant (through their permit application) and City staff have requested that a Water Patrol deputy be present at the event to assure all boating activity is in compliance with watercraft regulations. Additionally, it is a condition of the permit that any event wake surfing and on-water demonstration/exhibition activities only be conducted at least 300 feet from shore at all times.

Supporting Information

- Resolution No. 2026-24
- Special Event Application accompanied by permit approval letter dated May 12, 2026
- Event description and flyer
- Copy of HCSO Water Patrol Permit application
- Noise Variance Permit application