



STAFF REPORT AND FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

Ordinance: O-47-18

Title: Special Events – Definition of “City Sponsored Event”

Date: December 3, 2018

STAFF REPORT

This ordinance amends the definition of “city sponsored event” in Chapter 14.18, Special Events. The sponsor’s goal is to limit liability for personal injury by requiring City sponsored events to be sanctioned by the legislative body, be solely for the public benefit with no profit or emolument to the City, be of benefit to the public health and promote the public welfare, have no element of private interest, and be governmental in nature.

The current definition of “city sponsored events” is “special events for which the City waives some or all fees or otherwise directly participates in the cost of the event.”

The proposed definition of “city sponsored event” is “a special event that:

1. the City Council approves by resolution as a city sponsored event;
2. enures solely to the benefit of the public, with no profit or emolument to the City to thereby serve a governmental function; and
3. benefits the public health, safety, and welfare to thereby serve a governmental purpose.”

The term “city sponsored event” is used four times in Chapter 14.18.

1. The term is used in the definitions section found in 14.18.020 (the section amended by this ordinance).
2. The term is used in 14.18.120 A where it says the Special Events Coordinator is responsible for maintaining and publishing on the City's website a list of . . . “City-sponsored special events.”
3. The term is used 14.18.160 A.8 that says City-sponsored events that are the subject of leases approved by the City Council must be considered in the calculation of the special events limitations if they are “major City dock events.”
4. The term is used in 14.18.160 C.1 which requires the City Council to review three years after the enactment of O-16-14 the list of repeating major City dock events to ensure the events continue to meet the needs of the community and instructs the Council to consider in its review whether the event is a “City sponsored event.”

Therefore, the effect of this bill is to:

1. Eliminate that waiving the fees or having the City directly participate in the cost of an event automatically makes an event a "City sponsored event;"
2. Require the Special Events Coordinator to publish on the website "city sponsored events" that meet the new definition.
3. Include those events that meet the new definition and that are the subject of leases approved by the City Council in the calculation of special events limitations if the events are major City dock events; and
4. Require the City Council to include events that meet the new definition in its review of repeating major City dock events to determine whether the events continue to meet the needs of the community.

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FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance has no direct fiscal impact. We are unable to determine the impact of any potential reduction to liabilities that might arise from future events. We are not aware of any liabilities that have arisen from past events.

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