



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 7, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

CC: Marcus Davila, Director of Community Services

From: Kelli Funkhouser, Special Events Manager

Subject: **File ID: 26-5291 - Recommendation to approve the “7th Annual BBQ Rib Battle” on Sunday, September 6, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Introduction

The City Manager’s Office requests the approval of the “7th Annual BBQ Rib Battle” on Sunday, September 6, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (setup beginning at 9:00 a.m..) on Ann Street.

Background

The City Manager’s Office has received an application from the “Greater Key West Chamber of Commerce” for the 7th Annual BBQ Rib Battle on Sunday, September 6, 2026, on Ann Street between Greene and Caroline Streets. Greene Street remains open at all times, and the entrance to the private parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce building is open at all times for businesses that use it. This annual event serves BBQ Ribs, BBQ and sides which are not cooked on site. Beer and beverages are served on private property – Shots & Giggles for purchase. Music is provided by a local radio station. A tent will be set up on Ann Street with tables and chairs for attendees. All proceeds benefit the Chamber’s various community programs such as education, and donations to groups such as FIRM. The applicant has agreed to abide by City Codes and Ordinances, including providing insurance.

The applicant is requesting approval for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the enclosed area.

Procurement

There will be no additional expenses to the city as all service costs (Police/Fire/Community Services) are covered by the applicant, based on the Special Event Matrix.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission approve the "7th Annual BBQ Rib Battle" on Sunday, September 6, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (setup beginning at 9:00 a.m.) on Ann Street.