



## MEMORANDUM

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Date: September 3, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso  
City Manager

From: Kelli Funkhouser  
Special Events Manager

Subject: **{File 25-4282} Recommendation to Approve the “New Year’s Eve Shoe Drop New Queen Contest” on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 724 Duval Street from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

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### **Introduction**

The City Manager’s Office requests the approval of the “New Year’s Eve Shoe Drop New Queen Contest” on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Set-up will begin at 5:00 p.m. The 700 block of Duval Street will be closed from Petronia Street to Angela Street.

### **Background**

The City Manager’s Office has received an application from Bourbon Street Pub, Inc. for the New Year’s Eve Shoe Drop New Queen Contest on Saturday, October 4, 2025, on Duval Street between Petronia Street and Angela Street. A stage will be setup on the sidewalk in front of Bourbon Street Pub at 724 Duval Street. The winners of Talent Drag Queens competitions from five (5) major cities will descend upon Key West for the final contest. The winner of the final competition will be named the new Queen for the iconic Red Shoe Drop at Bourbon Street Pub on New Year’s Eve 2025.

Due to having live, amplified music and singers, a noise exemption is requested. Notice of the City Commission’s proposed action on a Noise Exemption will be published in the Citizen and on KeysNews.com on 8/14/25. Property owners within a 100-foot radius were mailed notice.

### **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 & City Commission approve the “New Year’s Eve Shoe Drop New Queen Contest” on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 724 Duval Street.