



## MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 5, 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: 26-5054] Recommendation to approve “Dead Fest Key West,” April 17-19, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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### **Introduction**

The City Manager’s Office requests the approval of “Dead Fest Key West” on Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily on Telegraph Lane.

### **Background**

The City Manager’s Office has received an application from “The Alamo Key West LLC” for their “Dead Fest Key West,” a Grateful Dead themed music event, to take place on Friday, April 17, 2026, through Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Dead Fest. In the past, the event brought 300 people per day, from Florida and from other states as well. The event takes place on the Alamo property, and they would like to include the use of Telegraph Lane to include vendor tables. As a side note, for the upcoming December 2026 Dead Fest event, they are working with the TDC to receive funds to advertise bigger and out of the state of Florida to bring more visitors and to keep the event growing. 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. Alcohol will only be sold on the Alamo property, but it is possible that guests will take alcohol onto the Telegraph Lane portion of the event.

### **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 Dead Fest Key West on Friday, April 17-19, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day on Telegraph Lane.