



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 2, 2025

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: 25-4742] Special Event Permit for a New Year's Eve Chicken Drop on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at 828 Duval Street**

Introduction

Approval of a "New Year's Eve Chicken Drop" on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at 828 Duval Street.

Background

The City has received an application from "Robert Riccio/Bobby's Balls, Inc T/A Oasis" for the "New Year's Eve Chicken Drop" on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Robert Riccio owns Oasis, located at 828 Duval Street. He would like to drop a 6' chicken from a former mobile light tower at midnight on the street in front of his business. Oasis is located down the street from the red shoe drop and historically he receives a lot of overflow traffic from that event because of the crowds. His event is small scale, he will not be setting up tables, selling anything from the street, it will just be a countdown at midnight for the chicken drop. Duval Street is typically closed around 2:00 p.m. due to the crowds, so he will set up at the time the street is closed, barricades will be placed around his tower for safety. The applicant has agreed to abide by City Codes and Ordinances, including providing insurance.

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 "New Year's Eve Chicken Drop" on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at 828 Duval Street.