



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 4, 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: 26-5457 - Recommendation to approve “Key West Lobsterfest” on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

Introduction

The City Manager’s Office requests the approval of the “Key West Lobsterfest” on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the 100-500 blocks of Duval Street and Greene Street between Telegraph Lane and Anne Street.

Background

The City Manager’s Office has received an application from “Key West Promotions, Inc.” for the Key West Lobsterfest on Saturday, August 8, 2026. The 100-500 blocks of Duval Street will be closed as well as Greene Street between Telegraph Lane and Ann Street from 9:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Setup will begin at 9:00 a.m., the street fair is from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., and breakdown will be complete by 11:59 p.m. The stage will be set up at the intersection of Duval and Greene Streets. This event is a street fair with arts and crafts booths, food and drink booths cooking seafood, and a free concert with the stage setup at the intersection of Greene and Duval Streets. Proceeds benefit the Key West High School Scholarship fund, creating scholarships for graduates of Key West High School. 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.

Due to having amplified, live music, a noise exemption is requested. Notice of the City Commission’s proposed action on a Noise Exemption was published in The Citizen and on KeysNews.com. 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 and Commission approve the "Key West Lobsterfest" on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the 100-500 blocks of Duval Street and Greene Street between Telegraph Lane and Anne Street.