MEMORANDUM

Date: September 3, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: Kelli Funkhouser
Special Events Manager

Subject: **{File 25-4287} Recommendation to Approve the "Zombie Bike Ride" on Sunday, October 19, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. starting at Fort East Martello and ending on the 100, 200, & 300 blocks of Duval Street**

Introduction

The City Manager's Office requests the approval of the "Zombie Bike Ride" on Sunday, October 19, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Fort East Martello and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the 100, 200 & 300 blocks of Duval Street.

Background

The City Manager's Office has received an application from "WeCycle, Inc. and the Key West Art and Historical Society, Inc." for the "Zombie Bike Ride" on Sunday, October 19, 2025. This is an annual event taking place on the Sunday before Fantasy Fest. The event begins on county property at Fort East Martello, "ZombieLand." MCSO will be onsite throughout the day. KWPD, KWFD and EMS begin support around 4:00 p.m. Thousands of participants gather in Zombie attire with their bicycles to prepare for the ride. At 6:00 p.m. the bicycle ride begins from Fort East Martello, and travels South Roosevelt, Atlantic Blvd., Reynolds St., South St. and ends on Duval St. with a closure of the 100, 200 & 300 blocks of Duval St. The event is also coordinated with FDOT. 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 the "Zombie Bike Ride" on Sunday, October 19, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.