MEMORANDUM

Date: September 3, 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 26-5767 - Recommendation to Approve the annual New Year's Eve Shoe Drop at 724 Duval Street on Thursday, December 31, 2026, from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.**

Introduction

The City Manager's Office requests the approval of the annual New Year's Eve Shoe Drop on Thursday, December 31, 2026. This event will take place at 724 Duval Street from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Background

The City Manager's Office has received an application from Bourbon St. Pub, Inc. for the annual "New Years Eve Shoe Drop" on Thursday, December 31, 2026, to grant an exemption from the noise control ordinance.

The 700 block of Duval Street will be closed, and a stage will be set up on the sidewalk at 724 Duval Street. Setup will begin at 2:00 p.m. The event is from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., with a live singer until 12:30 a.m.

The applicant has agreed to abide by City Codes and Ordinances, including providing insurance.

Due to having amplified 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 even though the event is on public property. Given the nature of the holiday, the streets will be closed anyway.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor & City Commission approve the annual New Years' Eve Shoe Drop on Thursday, December 31, 2026, at 724 Duval Street from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.