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CITY OF SPOKANE EXECUTIVE ORDER	FEB 05 2025	EO 2025-0001 LGL 2025-0018
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TITLE: Strengthening Community and Cultural Events in Spokane		
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 5, 2025		
REVISION DATE IF APPLICABLE:		

WHEREAS, events such as parades, festivals, sporting events, and block parties are essential for strengthening the quality of life for residents in our community and attracting visitors to Spokane; and

WHEREAS, the City's Comprehensive Plan Social Health Policy 3.8 reads "Support celebrations that enhance the community's identity and sense of place;" and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Downtown Plan calls for the City to "Identify and reduce barriers for cultural events Downtown;" and

WHEREAS, City departments impacted such as the Spokane Police Department, Spokane Fire Department, Solid Waste, Streets, Parking, and Office of Neighborhood Services support special events without recovering the full costs of providing services; and

WHEREAS, Spokane Police Department overtime is a significant source of special event costs with the City absorbing 90% of those costs;

WHEREAS, the current cost recovery model adopted through Ordinance C-36203 in 2022 has created significant financial challenges to existing legacy events; and

WHEREAS, it is a priority of Mayor Brown's Administration to eliminate barriers to establish new cultural events and reduce costs and requirements for existing events while preserving the safety of all event attendees.

NOW THEREFORE, LISA BROWN, MAYOR OF CITY OF SPOKANE, HEREBY ORDERS AND DIRECTS:

Special Events Cost Recovery and Policy Evaluation

1. All fees described in Spokane Municipal Code 10.39.090 (A)(2) that surpass the 2024 fee cap for the listed community events in Spokane Municipal Code 10.39.090 shall be waived. This shall not apply to any park reservation fees associated with a special event.

2. For recurring events not listed in the table found in Spokane Municipal Code 10.39.090 (A)(2)(b) in Spokane Municipal Code 10.39.090, all fees described in

Spokane Municipal Code 10.39.090 (A)(2) that surpass the 2024 total fees paid to the City of Spokane shall be waived. This shall not apply to any park reservation fees associated with a special event.

3. This executive order shall not impact any fees issued pursuant to SMC 10.39.090(A)(1).
4. City staff will work with Visit Spokane, Downtown Spokane Partnership, Tourism and Cultural Investment Committee, Neighborhood Councils, Spokane Parks and Recreation, and event organizers to strengthen community and cultural events while reducing costs and operational impacts to the City.
5. City staff will evaluate opportunities to reduce Spokane Police Department overtime costs for special events. Opportunities to reduce overtime for special events may use a combination of parade route and event location standardization practices that reduce the number of personnel required for traffic control, recommendations for temporary or permanent infrastructure such as signs, markers, and Type I, Type II, and Type III barricades to reduce the need for traffic control personnel, and opportunities for special event organizers to utilize private services in lieu of City staff and resources.
6. City staff will evaluate opportunities to improve interdepartmental coordination to enhance safety and security at special events.
7. City staff will evaluate and work with stakeholders to develop a comprehensive solid waste management plan for special events that reduces food waste and improves compost and organics diversion.
8. City staff will evaluate and identify policy and procedure changes necessary to reduce barriers to neighborhood block parties and to implement an Open Streets/Play Streets program.
9. This executive order is issued pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor pursuant to SMC 10.39.090A.

Dated this 5th day of February 2025.

Lisa Brown
Mayor Lisa Brown



Attest:
[Signature]
City Clerk

Approved as to form:
[Signature]
City Attorney

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