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City Council Enacts Event Permit Moratorium

Based on the ever-increasing demand for City services and personnel for non-City sponsored events, and the decreased availability of funds for overtime and special services, the City Council enacted a moratorium on event permit applications at their July 13 meeting. The moratorium will remain in effect until January 1, 2010, and applies to new and not yet approved permit applications requiring City services and personnel, as well as requests for City co-sponsorship from outside organizations or individuals.

The moratorium will not apply to certain City-sponsored events, including the 2nd annual African-American Unity Day, National Night Out, the International Waterfront Festival, events funded through the Community Event mini-grant, Quadricentennial events, and the Christmas tree lighting. Exceptions may be made for other events planned by City departments or agencies after careful review of possible budget impacts.

This moratorium also does not apply to gatherings protected under the First Amendment; however the City retains the right to determine their time, place and manner.

An individual or organization denied approval or application for an event under the moratorium is entitled to request a hearing and/or submit an amended permit application for an event which does not require additional City personnel or services.