



Commission Event Fact Sheet

Provide recommendation on the request for the waiver of the signature requirements City Code Chapters **14-8-3 (B)** and **14-8-15(A)** for the issuance of a street event permit for the **Austin Marathon**, to be held on **Sunday, February 17, 2019**. **The director may not issue a closure permit for the following events without Council approval: (3) except as provided in Section 14-8-15, a right-of-way event if 20 percent or more of the affected persons on any block to be closed or a neighborhood association objects to the closure in writing on a form prescribe by the director;**

Promoter: Dan Carroll, High Five Events

Street Closure Schedule: See Attached Event Closure Form.

Event Information: The Austin Marathon is an annual event. 9th Street road closure from Brazos to Congress starts on February 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Remaining closures start February 16th at 4:00 a.m., February 17th at 2:00 a.m. and February 17th at 5:00 a.m. The event which includes a 5K, half marathon and full marathon course begins at 7:00 a.m. This is a moving street closure. As the area is cleared of participants, the barricades will be removed. All roads should be open by 6:00 p.m. (Marathon route moves through District 1, District 3, District 9, District 10). A map is attached.

Event Route: Marathon and Half Marathon start: Congress Ave & Cesar Chavez St; South on Congress Ave; Right on E. Ben White Blvd Access Rd; Right on S. 1st. St; Left on Cesar Chavez St; Left on Stephen F. Austin Dr; Continue onto Veterans Dr; Left on Lake Austin Blvd; Right on Enfield Rd; Continue onto W. 15th St; The Half Marathon course turns right at San Antonio St.; The full marathon turns left on Guadalupe St; Right on W. 45th St; Right on Red River St; Right on E. 41st St; Left on Duval St; Left on E. Dean Keaton St; Right on Lafayette Ave; Continue onto Chicon St; Left on E. 12th St; Right on N. Pleasant Valley Rd; Left on Webberville Rd; Right on Goodwin Ave; Right on Tillery St; Left on E. 5th St; Right on Shady Ln; Right on E. Cesar Chavez St; Right on Waller St; Left on E. 6th St; Right on Red River St; Left on E. 11th St; Left on Congress Ave; Finish at Congress Ave. & 9th St.

History: The Austin Marathon has been conducted in Austin for 27 years. This year is the second year of the new route for the second half of the full marathon. The half marathon route remains unchanged. The event will raise money for multiple charities.

Back Up Information:

The applicant has met the 180-day requirements and 120-day requirements. The applicant requested the following Rule waivers which were granted:

Section 1.05 The Director will determine whether a Courtesy Advisory Notice for an Event is necessary, and, if required, approve the method of notification.

Section 1.07 The following process shall be followed when preparing and sending a notice of proposed closure on a form prescribed by the Director for an Event required by City Code, Section 14-8-14 (*Notice of Proposed Closure and Signature Requirement*)

Section 2.01 For a Moving Event or one or more substantially simultaneous combinations of Events the following streets may not be completely closed or crossed at grade.

(A) 5th and 6th Streets, from Mopac to IH-35

(B) Lamar Boulevard from West 38th Street to Ben White Boulevard

Section 2.03 Moving Events must not prevent Reasonable Access to a geographic area which would otherwise not have access as a result of the Moving Event.

Section 5.01 No Event or one or more substantially simultaneous combinations of Events may completely close the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge and the Drake South First Street Bridge simultaneously.

Section 6.03 Unless approved by the Director, Temporary Traffic Control Devices must not be pre-staged more than 20 hours in advance of an Event.

Response from last year's event: Most of the feedback concerning the new route from last year was from churches. In the past year the applicant has since met in person with all of those churches to develop custom traffic guides for each church that requests it. Furthermore, the Austin Marathon has developed a database and communication plan for places of worship on or near the race route to ensure that they have all necessary information to plan for and communicate with the event on race day. The applicant has attended several community meetings and responded to each official complaint from the 2018 Marathon.

Notifications: Applicant mailed notification letters including a Notice of Proposed Closure Form to the affected persons in the new route area again this year. Applicant will mail postcard notifications to all affected persons on the route as well as door hangers closer to the event day. Additional route signs will be placed on the route prior to the event.

Recommendations by Austin Transportation Department to the Urban Transportation Commission:

City Staff has no objection to the waiver of the signature requirement as long as the promoter continues to work with individuals who disapprove and provides them with maps of ingress and egress and works to mitigate other concerns.