

# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1631, Agenda Item #: 7.

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## Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 4-20 (Special Events) relating to special events application review, notification requirements and use of sound equipment, amending City Code Chapter 14-8 (Temporary Street Closure for Non-Construction Use) to modify requirements for a closure permit, requiring post special event reporting, and creating an offense.

## Lead Department

Development Services Department.

#### Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

### Prior Council Action:

May 10, 2018 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20180510-018 amending City Code Title 4 to add chapter 4-20 (*Special Events*) relating to special events; repealing and replacing chapter 14-8 (*Temporary Closure for Special Events and Block Parties*) relating to right-of-way closures for special events and neighborhood block parties; repealing section 14-6-3 relating to closures for a street festivity; amending chapter 9-2 relating to 24-hour live music and multi-day special event permits; and creating offenses and penalties on Council Member Garza's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on a 9-0 vote. Council Member Houston was off the dais. Council Member Troxclair was absent.

February 3, 2022 - Council approved Ordinance 20220203-052 amending City Code Chapter 4-20 (*Special Events*) to modify the definition of a special event and the description of a tier 2 special event; and declaring an emergency on consent on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Kelly's second on an 11-0 vote.

December 1, 2022 - Council approved Resolution No 20221201-039 approving the recommendations made by the Special Events Task Force and directing the City Manager to implement the recommendations and identify ways to discuss high-capacity venues on consent on Council Member Harper-Madison's motion, Council Member Ellis' second on an 11-0 vote.

#### For More Information:

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## Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

October 19, 2022 - Special Events Task Force ("SETF") approved recommendation 20221019-4 approving the final version of the Special Events Task Force Report and submitting to Mayor and Council on Task Members Smith's motion and Task Member Thompson's second on an 8-0 vote. Task Force Members Lo, Riddles-Sanchez, and Thomas were absent.

#### Additional Backup Information:

Staff is proposing amendments to Chapter 4-20 (*Special Events*) and Chapter 14-8 (*Temporary Closure for Special Events and Block Parties*) to implement the recommendations proposed by the SETF which are

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outlined in the SETF's Final Report as directed under Resolution No. 20221201-039.

The SETF identified seven proposed code amendments regarding the administration and review of special event permits, modifying current notification requirements, the use of amplified sound, and creating new post special event reporting requirements.