



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

**Date:** October 26, 2004  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** None

**Subject:** Public hearing regarding amendments to Block Event Ordinance

### Recommendation:

1. Conduct Public Hearing before the Transportation & Public Works Committee amending Title 17, Chapter 455 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Block Events
2. Approve modifications amending Title 17, Chapter 455

### Previous Directives:

- 4/16/04 - Block event ordinance adopted
- 8/6/04 - Subject matter of ordinance amendment introduced and referred to T&PW
- 8/10/04 - T&PW directive that date of public hearing be set at August 24, 2004 T&PW meeting
- 8/24/04 - Public hearing set for September 28, 2004
- 9/14/04 - Public hearing postponed to October 26, 2004

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**Approved by:**

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**Presenters:** Jon Wertjes, P.E., Director, Traffic & Parking Services

### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

### Background/Supporting Information:

In April 2004, Title 17, Chapter 455 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, was modified to improve the process of issuing block event permits. After months of application, changes are

recommended to further improve the ordinance. The City Attorney's Office, Regulatory Services, and Public Works have worked to develop these three changes:

1. Add provisions for petitions related to business or other non-residential block event applications [455.25 (c)]. -- These provisions were requested to improve proper notification and approvals by adjacent properties. (Note: residential block events already had petition requirements.)
2. Clarify provisions for notification to Council Members for non-residential block events [455.20 (f)]. – Business or non-residential block events usually have high visibility and great public interest. Therefore, notification upon receipt of application and permit issuance to Council Members for these block events is retained. However, this notification for residential permits is retained only for permit issuance. This will allow the City to reduce paperwork for residential block events.
3. Minor clean-up language to allow for consistent use of terms (e.g. business district and other non-residential) [455] – The City Attorney's office recommends these changes.

The attached file presents the additions and deletions to Title 17, Chapter 455.

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Attachment: Draft changes to Title 17, Chapter 455