



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#25-1198**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** January 6, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Amplified Music Exemption with St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Inc. for the Saint Demetrios Greek Festival from January 29, 2026 – February 1, 2026, at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church located at 820 NE 14 Avenue - **(Commission District 2)**

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement and request for amplified music exemption with St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Inc., in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

**Background**

On October 16, 2025, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Inc. submitted an outdoor event application for the Saint Demetrios Greek Festival to be held at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church (820 NE 14 Avenue). The event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 29, 2026, through Sunday, February 1, 2026, as follows:

Date	Event Start Time	Event End Time
Thursday, January 29	5:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
Friday, January 30	12:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 31	12:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 1	12:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

The event began more than forty (40) years ago and continues to be held annually. The application was submitted prior to the ninety (90)-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is \$200. The event impacts begin on Saturday, January 24, 2026, and are scheduled to end on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The event organizer attended the December 3, 2025, outdoor events meeting to review the event details with City staff including the Parks and Recreation Department,

Transportation and Mobility Department, Police Department, and Fire Department. The outdoor events meetings focus on operational logistics, cross departmental coordination, and event organizer requirements.

This event organizer is requesting the following special permissions that require City Commission approval:

- Amplified Music Exemption – Memorandum No. 19-076 (Exhibit 1) states that special events are not allowed to have amplified music after 9:00 p.m. (Sunday – Thursday) or after 10:00 p.m. (Friday and Saturday). The event organizer is requesting an exemption to allow amplified music to be played for one (1) additional hour on January 29, 30, and 31.

Amplified Music Exemption Request		
Date	Time Limit	Special Permission Request
Thursday, January 29	9:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
Friday, January 30	10:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 31	10:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.

City staff invited the surrounding civic associations to the outdoor events meeting as well as shared a copy of the application and site plan. Upon approval, the City's online events calendar will be updated to reflect this event.

The event agreement defines the responsibilities of the event organizer such as covering the associated event expenses and the required certificates of insurance. The event organizer will also secure all other necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies. Authorization for the execution of the event agreement is contingent upon the City Attorney's Office reviewing and approving as to form all documents prior to execution by the City Manager or designee.

### **Resource Impact**

Revenue related to these agreements is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

<b><i>Funds available as of December 2, 2025</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME (Program)</b>	<b>ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-001-6025-574-347-200-PKR029	Community Events	Charges for Service/ Nonsponsor Charges – Spec Event Fees	\$30,000	\$0	\$200
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$200</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Place specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum 19-076

Exhibit 2 – Saint Demetrios Greek Festival Event Agreement

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