CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE

City Manager's Office

Memorandum

Memorandum No: 15-055

Date: March 18, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: Outdoor Event Applications

The City of Fort Lauderdale strives to celebrate our community through special events. Currently there are over 200 outdoor events held annually in the City. While these events are community building, provide entertainment, wellness and draw visitors to our City, they can also, at times, have an impact on the surrounding neighborhoods due to the noise and/or traffic congestion.

In order to promote a better quality of life for our neighbors, we will begin to recommend approval of outdoor event applications with the following time restrictions:

Sunday – Thursday – Music shall not be allowed after 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday – Music shall not be allowed after 10:00 p.m.

These restrictions will not pertain to the Entertainment Districts in the City. They will be allowed to submit Outdoor Event Applications along with associated music entertainment up to 11:00 p.m.

Likewise, in response to recent concerns, all outdoor events that block streets anywhere on the Barrier Island must have all streets open no later than 10:00 a.m.

Since summer is a slow time of year for special events and to provide staff ample time to transition and inform past promoters of the new policy, implementation will begin October 1, 2015. This will also be posted on our website.

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