



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

#26-0198

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: March 19, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement, Request for Amplified Music Exemption, and Request for Road Closure with Las Olas Association, Inc. for the American Lung Association's 30th Annual Las Olas Wine & Food Festival on April 24, 2026, on Las Olas Boulevard from SE 6 Avenue to SE 11 Avenue - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement, request for amplified music exemption, and request for road closure with Las Olas Association, Inc., in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Background

On January 27, 2026, Las Olas Association, Inc. submitted an outdoor event application for the American Lung Association's 30th Annual Las Olas Wine & Food Festival to be held on Las Olas Boulevard between SE 6 Avenue and SE 11 Avenue. The event is scheduled to occur on Friday, April 24, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The American Lung Association's 30th Annual Las Olas Wine & Food Festival event began in 1994 and continues to be held annually. The application was submitted within the ninety (90)-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is \$1,000. The event impacts begin on Friday, April 24, 2026, and are scheduled to end on Saturday, April 25, 2026, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The event organizer attended the February 11, 2026, 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 meeting focuses on operational logistics, cross departmental coordination, and event organizer requirements.

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

- Request for Amplified Music Exemption – Per Memorandum No. 19-076 (Exhibit

1), 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 thirty (30) additional minutes on Friday, April 24, 2026.

Amplified Music Exemption Request		
Date	Time Limit	Requested Time
Friday, April 24, 2026	10:00 p.m.	10:30 p.m.

- Request for Road Closure – Las Olas Boulevard between SE 6 Avenue and SE 11 Avenue from 4:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026, through 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

City staff invited the surrounding civic associations to the outdoor events meeting as well as shared a copy of the application and site plan. No representatives from the surrounding or affected civic associations were present at the meeting. 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 this agreement is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of February 12, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6025-574-347-200-PKR029	Community Events	Charges for Service/ Nonsponsor Charges – Spec Event Fees	\$30,000	\$17,200	\$1,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$1,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 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 No. 19-076

Exhibit 2 – American Lung Association’s 30th Annual Las Olas Wine & Food Festival
Event Agreement

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