Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve the Closing of Streets for Game Watch on September 7, September 21 and October 5, 2024
Attached for your consideration is a request from the State Street District to close the following streets for Game Watch on September 7, September 21 and October 5, 2024 two hours prior to each game and ending one hour after each game:

- State Street from William to Washington
- North University from State Street to Thayer
- Liberty from State Street to Maynard

The City has received an application from the State Street District to bring back Game Watch, a series of outdoor tailgating and game watch events for Michigan football in the street. The exact games will be confirmed up to 10 days prior, with tentative schedules indicating the Texas game at noon on September 7, and the USC game slated to start at 3:30 P.M. No information on start time available yet for the Washington game.

These events will allow local businesses to expand their seating capacity and meet increased demand, particularly during the Texas and USC games with visitors. By creating a safe experience and fun tailgate atmosphere, the aim is to enhance the downtown experience for residents and visitors while providing an affordable option to watch the games with the community during an exciting post-championship season. Planned giveaways and interactive experiences will engage the crowd and create a memorable game day.

The sponsor will submit an application for approval from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission for temporary sales, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the defined areas pursuant to the M.L.C.C. regulations. Security will be coordinated with Ann Arbor Police and with a certified and insured security company, similar to the security measures in place for the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

The sponsor agrees to obtain all necessary permits, to provide evidence of proper liability insurance as required, to comply with all City regulations governing the use of the street, and will reimburse the City for all event expenses. Notification of the street closings will be provided through the City's website, GovDelivery and the sponsor's website and social media. Neighboring businesses will be informed of this event via the District.
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Approved by: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
Whereas, The City has received a request from the State Street District to close the following streets for Game Watch on September 7, September 21 and October 5, 2024 two hours prior to each game and ending one hour after each game:

- State Street from William to Washington
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Whereas, The street closures will be signed, barricaded and properly supervised;

Whereas, The sponsor requires the approval of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a special outdoor liquor license;

Whereas, The sponsor agrees to obtain all necessary permits, to provide evidence of proper liability insurance as required, and to comply with all City regulations governing the use of the streets;

Whereas, The sponsor has agreed to pay the cost of City services associated with the staging of this event; and

Whereas, Notification of the street closings will be provided through the City's website, GovDelivery and the sponsor's website and social media;

RESOLVED, That a special liquor license for the event be approved, contingent upon the approval from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission;

RESOLVED, That the sponsor will pay the cost of City services associated with the staging of this event; and

RESOLVED, That City Council approve the closing of the following streets for Game Watch on September 7, September 21 and October 5, 2024 two hours prior to each game and ending one hour after each game:

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