

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Ordinance Authorizing Temporary Street Closure of San Saba Street for 2005 Market Square Special Events

DATE: February 3, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the temporary closure of San Saba Street for nine special events in Market Square for the year 2005.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For many years, staff has requested authorization for the temporary closure of San Saba Street, between West Commerce and Dolorosa Streets, for the purpose of pedestrian safety and for the assembly of entertainment stages for scheduled Market Square special events. Scheduled events for 2005 are as follows:

March 11 - 13	Tejano Music Awards FanFair	Texas Talent Musicians Assn.
March 19 - 20	Carnaval Del Mercado	Farmers Market Plaza Tenant Assn.
April 30 - May 1	Cinco de Mayo	Farmers Market Plaza Tenant Assn.
May 28 - 30	Return of the Chili Queens	El Mercado Merchants Assn.
July 2 - 3	Freedom Fest	Market Square Association
July 23 - 24	SA Conjunto Shootout	
Sept. 3 - 5	El Mercado Anniversary/ Labor Day Fest	El Mercado Merchants Assn.
Sept. 16 - 18	Fiestas Patrias	Ladies LULAC #648
Nov. 25 - 27	Feria de Santa Cecilia	Market Square Association

San Saba Street will close at 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to the first day of the event to allow set up time for additional booths and/or stages, and will remain closed through 8:00 a.m. on the day after the last day of the event for cleanup and teardown.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This action is consistent with City policy in authorizing the temporary closure of public streets for public safety purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT

The event sponsors are required to pay all costs for barricades directly to the vendor that sets up and removes the equipment. Also, the established rental fee for San Saba Street closing of \$750.00 per day is paid to the City's General Fund. Estimated revenue will be approximately \$15,000.00. This action will place no additional demands on the General Fund.

COORDINATION

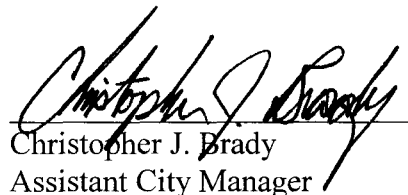
The street closures for these Market Square special events in 2005 have been coordinated with the Department of Public Works and the Police Department's Traffic Division.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

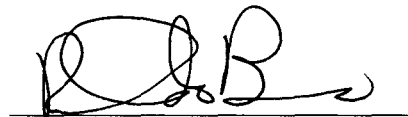
Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Forms are not required.



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