

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Roland A. Lozano, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Street Closures for the FY 2006 Houston Street Fairs

DATE: October 13, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the temporary closure of certain blocks of Houston Street in City Council District 1 and sets the dates and times so that the City of San Antonio and the Houston Street Development Corporation may conduct the FY 2006 Houston Street Fairs.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Houston Street Fair is an initiative to promote downtown to the citizens of San Antonio and to provide a venue for local artisans and entertainers. This event is co-sponsored by the City of San Antonio and the Houston Street Development Corporation. This is a monthly event, generally held on the last Saturday. Certain blocks of Houston Street, between Alamo Plaza and Santa Rosa will be closed between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 P.M. on the following dates:

Saturday, October 29, 2005
Saturday, November 26, 2005
Tuesday, December 27, 2005
Saturday, January 28, 2006
Saturday, February 25, 2006
Saturday, March 25, 2006
No date is scheduled for April
Saturday, May 27, 2006
Saturday, June 24, 2006
Saturday, July 29, 2006
Saturday, August 26, 2006
Saturday, September 30, 2006

The actual blocks of Houston closed and the times will vary from month to month in order to minimize the impact on adjacent businesses, take advantage of proximity to other area events and allow for the growth of the event. The proposed street closures, dates and times have been coordinated with City Departments as well as local businesses along Houston Street. Costs for

portable toilets, security, street closure permits, barricades and cleanup will be borne by the City of San Antonio. The Houston Street Development Corporation will arrange the entertainment, food and arts and crafts booths.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This will authorize the Houston Street Fair for FY 2006. This action is in compliance with all City policies and procedures regarding street closures.

FISCAL IMPACT

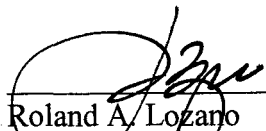
The costs associated with this event and the associated street closures will be borne by the City. Admission to the Houston Street Fair is free, with proceeds from concession sales and corporate sponsorships going to production costs.

COORDINATION

This request has been coordinated with the Traffic Division of the Public Works Department, the Police Department, VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority and local businesses.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

This action does not require completion of a Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form.



Roland A. Lozano
Assistant to the City Manager



for J. Rolando Bono
City Manager

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CERTAIN BLOCKS OF HOUSTON STREET IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOUSTON STREET FAIR; APPROVING THE LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FY 2006 HOUSTON STREET FAIRS, GENERALLY HELD ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, BEGING WITH OCTOBER 29, 2005 SO THAT THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE HOUSTON STREET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MAY CONDUCT THE HOUSTON STREET FAIR.

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio and the Houston Street Development Corporation are holding, on a monthly basis, a Houston Street Fair of which the first is scheduled on October 29, 2005, and in connection with said events have requested that certain blocks of Houston Street be closed to vehicular traffic in order to accommodate said events; and

WHEREAS, the request for this temporary closure of this street has been evaluated, and it has been found that no adverse traffic problems would result, and that the request should be granted in accordance with the City's usual practice and procedure for temporary street closures; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Section 1. The temporary closures of Houston Street, from Alamo Plaza to Santa Rosa in connection with the Houston Street Fair, generally scheduled for the last Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 P.M. is hereby approved for the dates indicated:

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Section 2. The actual blocks and times utilized for the event may vary from month to month, but will be within the limits described above.

Section 3. Authorized emergency vehicles operated by the San Antonio Police and/or Fire Departments are hereby specifically exempted from the above stated closure restrictions.

Section 4. Parking fees at the St. Mary's Street Garage will be waived from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 P.M. on the event days to provide free public parking associated with the event.

Section 5. The Houston Street Development Corporation must execute a standard City Street Closure Agreement to evidence its acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in this ordinance.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be effective on and after _____, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of October 2005.

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ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney