



Agenda Item Request Form

ITEM: Consideration to approve the Special Event Permit for 29th Annual Blessing of the Fleet on May 2, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Downtown Marina, sponsored by Second Chance of NWFL.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: For the Commission's consideration, enclosed is the application for the 29th Annual Blessing of the Fleet, scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd with the rain date being on May 16th, 2026 on Downtown Marina (see Exhibit "A" for the application and site map).

The event will feature the traditional Blessing of the Fleet ceremony, along with a fish fry and the Burning of the Socks. The fish fry is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with the procession of water vessels beginning at 12:00 p.m., followed by the Burning of the Socks. All proceeds from the event will benefit Second Chance of Northwest Florida, a nonprofit organization that provides services to brain injury survivors and their families within the community.

The total estimated cost for Special Event fees is \$315.00, which includes a \$25.00 application fee, a \$250.00 refundable security deposit, and \$40.00 for four trash cans.

The estimated cost for Police Department services is \$558.00, which includes two (2) Police officers for the duration of the event.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval.

Budget Impact

Budgeted? Yes: ☐ No: ☐ How Much budgeted? N/A

If more, where do you suggest funds come from? N/A

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