



## Agenda Item Request Form

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**ITEM:** Consideration to approve the Special Event Permit for 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Fleet, scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> with the rain date being on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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

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

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

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**Approved By:** Jared Jones

**Date:** 1/15/2026