

# City of Detroit

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## DEPARTMENT PETITION REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

*To: The Department or Commission Listed Below*

*From: Janice M Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk*

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The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

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Petition No.	2025-040
Name of Petitioner	Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee
Description of Petition	Petition request to hold the "Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade" on April 6, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Greektown. Set-up will begin at 08:00 AM on April 6, 2025 and be completed by 12:00 PM the same day. Tear down will begin at 07:00 PM on April 6, 2025 and be completed by 09:00 PM the same day.
Type of Petition	<b>Special Events</b>
Submission Date	03/05/25
Concerned Departments	Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department (BSEED), Department of Public Works (DPW), Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), Detroit Fire Department (DFD), General Services Department (GSD), Media Services Department, Municipal Parking Department, Police Department (DPD)
Petitioner Contact	Tom Christy 525 Monroe Detroit, MI 48226 P: (248) 910-8662 <a href="mailto:tchristy@greekparades.com">tchristy@greekparades.com</a>

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# City of Detroit Special Events Application Authorizations

## AUTHORIZATION & AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

I certify that the information contained in the foregoing application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief that I have read, understood and agreed to abide by the rules and regulations governing the proposed special event, and I understand that this application is made subject to the rules and regulations established by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee. Applicant agrees to comply with all other requirements of the City, County, State, and Federal Government and any other applicable entity, which may pertain to special events. I further agree to abide by these rules, and further certify that I agree to be financially responsible for any costs and fees that may be incurred by or on behalf of the event to the City of Detroit.

DETROIT GREEN INDEP. DAY COMMITTEE, INC.

**Applicant Signature:**



**Date:** 6 February 2025

BY: Thomas P. CHRISTY  
Its Legal Counsel

NOTE: Completion of this form does not constitute approval of your event. Pending review by the Special Events Management Team, you will be notified of any requirements, fees, and/or restrictions pertaining to your event.

## HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Applicant agrees to indemnify and hold the City of Detroit (which includes its agencies, officers, elected officials, appointed officials and employees) harmless from and against injury, loss, damage or liability (or any claims in respect of the foregoing including claims for personal injury and death, damage to property, and reasonable outside attorney's fees) arising from activities associated with this permit, except to the extent attributable to the gross negligence or intentional act or omission of the City.

Applicant affirms that Applicant has read and understands the Hold Harmless and Indemnification provision and agrees to the terms expressed therein.

**Event Name:** DETROIT GREEN INDEP. DAY PARADE

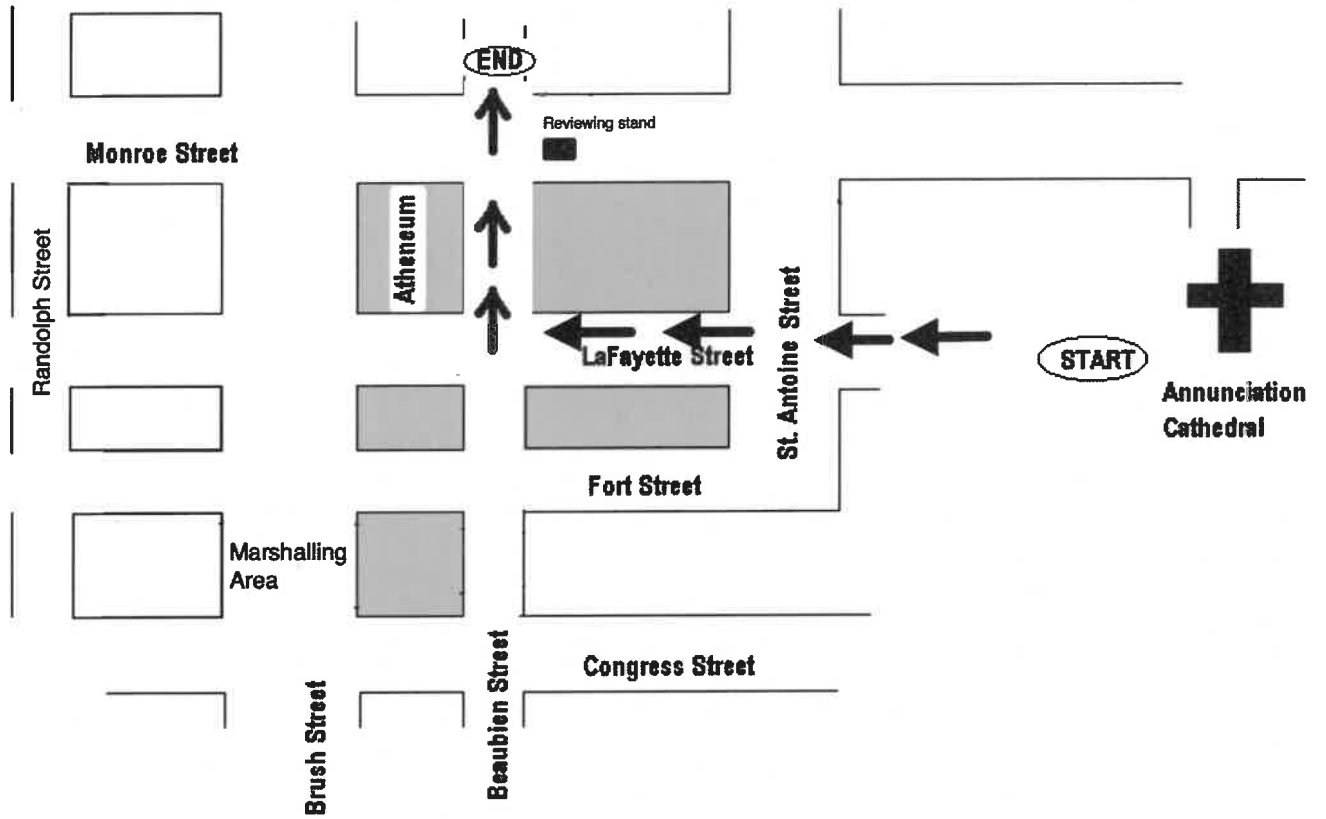
**Event Date:** 6 April 2025

**Event Organizer:** DETROIT GREEN INDEP. DAY COMMITTEE

**Applicant Signature:** BY: Thomas P. CHRISTY  
Its Legal Counsel

**Date:** 6 Feb. 2025

# 2025 Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade modified route (tentative)



# **STREET CLOSING PROPOSAL GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**

A proposal to close certain streets on Sunday, April 6, 2025, in and around Greektown for a parade celebrating Greek Independence Day.

Submitted by the Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee, Inc. with the support of the Greektown Merchants Association

## **Background**

The American Revolution in 1776 was an inspiration to the Greek people, who were living under foreign domination. On March 25, 1821, Greek independence was declared, re-establishing freedom and democracy in Greece. March 25 is commemorated as Independence Day in Greece much like July 4 is commemorated as Independence Day in the United States.

In 2002, Detroit's Greek-American community held its first annual parade celebrating Greek Independence Day, joining nine other cities across North America with similar parades. The event has been an overwhelming success, with over 5,000 people attending in recent years. The Greektown merchants, who actively support the event, see their restaurants filled to capacity every year.

The Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee, a non-profit corporation, plans to hold a parade again in 2025, similar to recent years. The committee will sponsor the event with the cooperation of the Greektown Preservation Society and proposes to hold the parade on **Sunday, April 6, 2025**.

## 2025 DETROIT GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE EVENT CLEAN-UP PLAN

**Waste services offered:** Public receptacles have proven more than adequate for waste needs at past events.

**Contamination:** Not applicable.

**Types of waste expected:** The parade committee does not distribute any items other than small, handheld American and Greek flags, which are rarely discarded. Accordingly, waste generated from the official event will be minimal. From experience at past parades since 2001, additional waste brought by spectators and participants is minimal.

**Signage:** Other than No-Parking signs posted by the police department or parking department, no signs are used.

**Clean-up plan:** At the end of the parade, the marshalling team always walks the parade route and picks up any waste obviously generated by parade-goers. The team also removes the No-Parking signs.

CITY OF DETROIT, OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

# SPECIAL EVENTS PETITION

**Petition No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Name:** Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade

**Event Status:** In Review- Clerk's Office (Step 2 of 6)

**Petitioner Name / Organization:** Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee

**Event Location:** Greektown

**Event Date(s) and Time(s):** 04/06/25 3:00 PM to 04/06/25 7:00 PM

**Type of Event:** Parade

<b>Applicant Contact:</b>
Tom Christy
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<b>Submission Date:</b>	02/10/25 1
<b>Date of Clerk's Office Referral:</b>	3/5/25
<b>Date of City Departments Sign Off:</b>	3/5/25
<b>Date Referred to Council:</b>	3/6/25

**Department Approvals**

DPD	DFD	EMS	GSD	DDOT	MPD	DPW	DHD
DPD Reviewed- Ready for Council	DFD Approval Not Required	EMS Reviewed- Ready for Council	GSD Approval Not Required	DDOT Reviewed- Ready for Council	MPD Reviewed- Ready for Council	DPW Reviewed- Ready for Council	DHD Approval Not Required

**BSEED**  
BSEED Reviewed- Ready for Council

**Mayor's Office Special Events Signature:** *Gaksima Fife*

**Date:** March 6, 2025

## General Event Information

Has this event been hosted before? Yes

Has the applicant (individual or organization) ever applied for a Special Event with the City of Detroit before? Yes

Is this an annual event? Yes

Event Website: detroit.greekparades.com

Which spaces will be used? Street, Sidewalk

Will this event include the use or sale of marijuana? No

## Event Description

Brief Event Purpose & Description:  
See attachment.

Estimated Peak Attendance: 5000

Estimated Total Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a public event? Yes

Will there be ticket sales or admission charged? No

Does this event use Hart Plaza? No

Will there be merchandise sold? No

Will you be taking donations? No

Is this a charity event? No

Does this event involve campers, tents and/or RVs? No

Will this event involve a petting zoo or tattoo art (not including temporary tattoos)? No

## Contact Information

Organization / Petitioner Name: Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee

Mailing Address: 525 Monroe

Detroit MI 48226

Primary Contact:	Secondary Contact:
Tom Christy	Yanni Dionisopoulos
tchristy@greekparades.com	yanni@exodosrooftop.com
	+1 (313) 405-3844

Organization Type: Nonprofit

Organization Website: detroit.greekparades.com

## Event Setup & Breakdown

Begin Setup: 04/06/25 8:00 AM

Complete Setup: 04/06/25 12:00 PM

Setup Location(s): (tentative) Monroe Street, Lafayette Street

Event Start: 04/06/25 3:00 PM

Event End: 04/06/25 7:00 PM

Begin Tear Down: 04/06/25 7:00 PM

Complete Tear Down: 04/06/25 9:00 PM

Number of Trash Containers: 0 Number of Recycling Containers: 0

Cleaning Service Vendor: N/A

Other Waste Elements: N/A



**Street Closures & Parking**

How many streets will be closed: 3

Will you be closing any part of Woodward Avenue? No

Street Closures (if there are 1-4 closed streets):

1. Brush 04/06/25

Congress to Monroe 12:00 PM 4:00 PM

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Will you charge attendees for parking? No

Valet parking or blocking metered parking spaces? Neither

Describe the parking plan to accommodate anticipated attendance:

Public lots

**Food & Beverage**

Will food be served? No

Will food be prepared on site? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of food trucks: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of non-truck food vendors: \_\_\_\_\_

## Food & Beverage (cont.)

Will any type of alcohol be served (including beer)? No

Will there be sales, service and/or consumption of alcohol in public at the event? \_\_\_\_\_

What type(s) of alcohol will be served? \_\_\_\_\_

Day(s) and time(s) alcohol will be served: \_\_\_\_\_

Will ice be used in any served beverages? No

## Stages, Tents, & Structures

Is a stage being built? Yes

How many stages will be used? 1

Do any of the stages have a canopy? Yes

Number of tents 10' x 10' and smaller: 1

Number of tents larger than 10' x 10': 0

Tent Contractor: Michael Fotias

What other structures will your event include? None

Will your event use any grills? No

What kind of grills? \_\_\_\_\_

## Utilities & Portable Restrooms

Event Utilities that will be used: Neither

How will generators be fueled? \_\_\_\_\_

Generator contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Will additional wiring be installed? No

Does the event require access to a hydrant? No

Will there be amplified sound? Yes

Will a sound system be used? Yes

Will you be providing Port-a-johns? No

## Security & Emergency Plans

Will the event have a security contractor? No

Security Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of private personnel per shift: \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these apply to the private security personnel? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you contract emergency medical services? Yes

Name of emergency medical services contractor: Hart EMS

Does this event include fireworks? No

Day(s) and time(s) of fireworks: \_\_\_\_\_

Fireworks vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant Signature Page (required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Event Clean Up Plan (required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Plan (500 or less attendees)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Response Plan & Medical Procedures (500+ attendees)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Communication and Community Impact Plan (500+ attendees)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining of Traffic Plan (1000+ attendees or if closing a street)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Build and Breakdown Schedule (if you are erecting any structures)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Site Map Plan (if event involves any temporary elements including tents)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Medical Contractor Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barricades Provider Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Contractor Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Port-a-john Contractor Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sanitation Contractor Agreement (if applicable)

City Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolved**, The Mayor's Office is hereby authorized and directed to issue permits to Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee, Inc. to host "Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade" (2025-040) on April 6, 2025 from 3:00 PM -7:00 PM in Greektown.

**PROVIDED**, that there will be DPD Assisted Event; and be it further

**PROVIDED**, that there will be DFD Pending Inspections; Contracted with Private EMS to Provide Services; and be it further

**PROVIDED**, that there will be BSEED Permits Required for Tents, Stages and be it further

**PROVIDED**, that there will be DPW Type III Barricades & Road Closure Signage Required; and be it further

**PROVIDED**, that there will be Municipal Parking No Parking Signs Required; and be it further

**PROVIDED**, that all necessary permits must be obtained prior to the event. If permits are not obtained, departments can enforce closure of event.