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City Clerk

City of Detroit
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Andre P. Gilbert II
Deputy City Clerk

DEPARTMENT PETITION REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

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.

Petition No.	2026-016
Name of Petitioner	Backwoods And Bonfires
Description of Petition	Petition request to hold "Backwoods And Bonfires" from July 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM until 10:00 PM the same day at The Eastern Detroit. Set-up will begin on July 09, 2026 at 1:00 PM and be completed by 5:00 PM on July 10, 2026. Tear down will begin on July 11, 2026 at 10:00 PM and be completed by 5:00 PM on July 12, 2026.
Type of Petition	Special Events
Submission Date	02/11/26
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	Curtis McKinnon 2835 Bagley St Detroit, MI 48216 P: (313) 312-6204 curtislarmer@crowdfreak.com

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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.

Applicant Signature: 

Date: 1/07/2026

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: Backwoods And Bonfires

Event Date: 7/11/2026

Event Organizer: Curtis McKinnon

Applicant Signature: 

Date: 1/07/2026

ATTACHMENT A: SITE LAYOUT

BACKWOODS AND BONFIRES 7.11.2025

3434 RUSSELL (THE EASTERN & LOTS) / EASTERN MARKET AREA

PETITION# TBA
TMP TBA

107,000 SQUARE FEET



Security Officer Assignments: [45] positions

Supervisors: 3 * Entry/Exits: 10 * Interior Roaming: 28 * Stage: 8

ATTACHMENT B: Security Detail

2024 Event

Private Security Plan – Prime Protection Authority

Post Location	Number of Agents	Start Time	End Time
MANAGEMENT			
Event Lead	1	1:00PM	11PM
Supervisors	2	1:00PM	11PM
ENTRANCES & EXITS			
Russell Street			
Main Entrance & Exit	4	1:00PM	11PM
Metal Detector Stations	4		
North End Emergency Exit	2	1:00PM	11PM
INTERIOR			
Vendor & Bar Area Roaming	4	1:00PM	11PM
Main Stage Depending on Talent	6	1:00PM	11PM
VIP / The Eastern	3		
Roamers / Action Squad	15	1:00PM	11PM
RELIEF			
Event Site	3	1:00PM	11PM
OVERNIGHT Fri 7/12			
Main Festival Entrance	1	1:00PM	11PM

Projected Total

45

ATTACHMENT C: Trash & Clean Up

Clean Up Detail

Motor City Services

Elements		Start Time	End Time
Roaming Trash Pick Up & Trash Can Duty	4	1:00PM	11PM
50 Trash Cans & Dumpster on Site			

ATTACHMENT C: Medical Detail

Hart Medical

Elements		Start Time	End Time
Medics Stationed at the Fist Aid Tent	2	1:00PM	11PM
Ambulance	1	1:00PM	11PM

Communication and Community Impact Plan

Letters of notice will go on the doors of all homes and neighboring businesses within a 2 block radius alerting them of the event details, times, etc.

Letter follows below:

Greetings Neighbors of The Eastern,

We are reaching out to inform our good neighbors that there will be a special event occurring on Saturday July 11th, 2025 at The Eastern and the adjoining lot. We wanted to make the neighborhood aware that there may be extra traffic on the streets as attendees arrive and depart throughout the day. There will be amplified music from 1pm (Sound Check) and 2pm-10pm (festival hours)

All local residents are invited to attend the festival as OUR GUESTS! Email our team to request your FREE tickets (limit 4 per household) at lit@BnbFestival.com

The Event Production Team Backwoods & Bonfires Music Festival The Eastern Management Team

CITY OF DETROIT, OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SPECIAL EVENTS PETITION

Petition No: 2026-016

Event Name: Backwoods And Bonfires

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

Petitioner Name / Organization: Curtis McKinnon

Event Location: The Eastern Detroit

Event Date(s) and Time(s): 07/11/26 2:00 PM to 07/11/26 10:00 PM

Type of Event: Concert/Performance, Festival

Applicant Contact:
Curtis McKinnon
curtislamar@crowdfreak.com
+1 (313) 523-9887

Submission Date:	01/07/26 7
Date of Clerk's Office Referral:	2/10/26
Date of City Departments Sign Off:	2/3/26
Date Referred to Council:	2/12/26

Department Approvals

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

BSEED
BSEED Reviewed-Ready for Council

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

Date: February 12, 2026

General Event Information

Has this event been hosted before? _____

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

Is this an annual event? Yes _____

Event Website: BnBFestival.com _____

Which spaces will be used? Private Facility _____

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

Event Description

Brief Event Purpose & Description:

7th annual music and art festival featuring local and national talent including stage performers, musical artists, local vendors (retail, arts, crafts), food vendors and food trucks.

Estimated Peak Attendance: 800 _____

Estimated Total Attendance: 1800 _____

Is this a public event? Yes _____

Will there be ticket sales or admission charged? Yes _____

Does this event use Hart Plaza? _____

Will there be merchandise sold? Yes _____

Will you be taking donations? No _____

Is this a charity event? No _____

Does this event involve campers, tents and/or RVs? _____

Will this event involve a petting zoo or tattoo art (not including temporary tattoos)? _____

Contact Information

Organization / Petitioner Name: Curtis McKinnon

Mailing Address: 2835 Bagley St

Detroit Michigan 48216

Primary Contact:	Secondary Contact:
Curtis McKinnon	Jill Riddle
curtislar@crowdfreak.com	jriddle@comcast.net
+1 (313) 312-6204	+1 (248) 760-0635

Organization Type: Corporation

Organization Website: BnbFestival.com

Event Setup & Breakdown

Begin Setup: 07/09/26 1:00 PM

Complete Setup: 07/10/26 5:00 PM

Setup Location(s): The Eastern Detroit

Event Start: 07/11/26 2:00 PM

Event End: 07/11/26 10:00 PM

Begin Tear Down: 07/11/26 10:00 PM

Complete Tear Down: 07/12/26 5:00 PM

Number of Trash Containers: 20 Number of Recycling Containers: 9

Cleaning Service Vendor: Motor City Cleaning Services

Other Waste Elements: _____

Street Closures & Parking

How many streets will be closed: 0

Will you be closing any part of Woodward Avenue? _____

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

1. _____

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:

There is ample public parking and structures around Eastern Market

Food & Beverage

Will food be served? Yes

Will food be prepared on site? Yes

Number of food trucks: 10 Number of non-truck food vendors: 0

Food & Beverage (cont.)

Will any type of alcohol be served (including beer)? Yes

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

What type(s) of alcohol will be served? Wine, Liquor, Beer

Day(s) and time(s) alcohol will be served: 7/11/2026 2pm-8pm

Will ice be used in any served beverages? Yes

Stages, Tents, & Structures

Is a stage being built? Yes

How many stages will be used? 2

Do any of the stages have a canopy? Yes

Number of tents 10' x 10' and smaller: 20

Number of tents larger than 10' x 10': 3

Tent Contractor: Peerless Event Rentals

What other structures will your event include? no other structures

Will your event use any grills? No

What kind of grills? _____

Utilities & Portable Restrooms

Event Utilities that will be used: Generators

How will generators be fueled? gas powered

Generator contractor: XYZ Power

Will additional wiring be installed? Yes

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? Yes

Security & Emergency Plans

Will the event have a security contractor? Yes

Security Contractor: Paramount Vision Security

Number of private personnel per shift: 45

Which of these apply to the private security personnel? Licensed

Will you contract emergency medical services? Yes

Name of emergency medical services contractor: Hart Medical

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 checked="" 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 Backwoods & Bonfires LLC to host "Backwoods & Bonfires Music Festival" (#2026-016) on July 11, 2026 from 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM at 3434 Russell St. Detroit, MI 48207.

PROVIDED, that there will be DPD Assisted Event; Contracted with Private Security 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 DHD pending inspections; and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be DPW Permits; and be it further

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

PROVIDED, there will be a Business License Required obtained following City Council approval; and be it further

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