

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** REQUESTS FOR KHOI RADIO CHILI COOK-OFF

**BACKGROUND:**

KHOI, a non-profit community radio organization, is planning to hold its first annual Chili Rock-A-Billy cook-off fundraiser on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Douglas Avenue between Main Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The cook-off will feature 30 to 40 Central Iowa restaurants and individuals who will provide samples of chili. Live music will also be featured at the event. Donations will be accepted from event participants. In order to facilitate the event, KHOI requests the following:

1. Closure of Douglas Avenue between Main Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on September 28<sup>th</sup>
2. A vending license for sales of merchandise and waiver of vending license fee (\$50 loss to City Clerk's Office)
3. A Temporary Obstruction Permit for the area of the street closure
4. Waiver of parking meter fees and enforcement for 14 parking spaces on Douglas Avenue (approximately \$11 loss to Parking Fund)
5. Waiver of costs for electricity (approximately \$5 loss to Electric Fund)

KHOI will be responsible for obtaining a food license to serve the public. Both the Main Street Cultural District and the Octagon Center for the Arts have expressed their support of the event.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the requested street closure, vending license, and Temporary Obstruction Permit from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013; and approve waiver of fees for the vending license, parking meters and electricity.
2. Approve the requested street closure, vending license, and Temporary Obstruction Permit from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, but require reimbursement for the vending license, parking meters and electricity.
3. Do not approve any one of the requested actions.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

KHOI is a newly established non-profit community radio organization located Downtown. This event is an opportunity to raise funds for its activities, and is open to the public. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.

August 21, 2013

Mayor and City Council  
City of Ames  
515 Clark Ave  
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Honorable Mayor Campbell and City Council:

KHOI Heart of Iowa community radio is planning our First Annual Chili Cookoff contest on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in partnership with the Maximum Ames Music Festival in downtown Ames. The event will feature 30 to 40 Central Iowa restaurants/bars/breweries and possibly individuals who will provide samples of their favorite chili and KHOI will provide a stage with live music to fit our theme title Chili-Rock-A-Billy cookoff.

KHOI will also be asking for donations during the event to support KHOI and selling KHOI T-shirts, caps, mugs and radios.

In order to support this event on Douglas Ave. in partnership with Maximum Ames, KHOI requests the following:

1. Closure of Douglas Avenue from Main Street to 5th Street from 2:00 to 9:00 PM
2. Waiver of parking meter fees and enforcement for 14 meters on Douglas
3. Waiver of electricity costs, if needed
4. Vending Permit for event area and waiver of fee for permit

Please see attached letters of support. A Iowa Department of Health Special Event Food license has been applied for and will be in hand at the time of the event.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests and continued support of KHOI Heart of Iowa Community Radio. We look forward to meeting you at our First Annual Chili Cookoff.

Sincerely,



Ursula Ruedenberg  
Executive Director  
KHOI Radio  
410 Douglas, Ames IA 50010



August 23, 2013

Mayor and City Council  
City of Ames  
515 Clark Ave  
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Mayor Campbell and City Council,

The Main Street Cultural District (MSCD) endorses and welcomes the KHOI Radio Chili Rock-A-Billy Cookoff on September 27, 2013. MSCD fully supports this event and recommends council approval be granted. Thank you for your continued support of downtown Ames.

Sincerely,

Cari Hague  
Executive Director

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August 21, 2013

Ames City Council  
515 Clark Avenue  
Ames, IA 50010

Re: Douglas Avenue closing request

To the Ames City Council:

On behalf of the Octagon Center for the Arts, this letter is in support of the closing of the 400 block of Douglas Avenue on Saturday, September 28, 2013 for the purpose of a chili and music event sponsored by KHOI FM radio.

Sincerely,

Ruth Wiedemeier  
Associate Director  
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