

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AMES FAMILY FEST STREET CLOSURE OF EAST FIFTH STREET  
FROM DUFF TO CARROLL ON AUGUST 8, 2009**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Ames Family Fest will be held again this year at Bandshell Park, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 8, 2009. This year, in order to help facilitate the event and contribute to the safety of all participants, Ames Family Fest is requesting the closure of East Fifth Street from Duff Avenue to Carroll Avenue, from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8.

City staff from the Power and Water Plants have been notified of this request, and will have access to both facilities via Carroll Avenue. Similarly, residents living along Carroll Avenue between Fifth and Sixth Streets will be able to access their homes from Sixth Street. City Public Works staff will provide barricades for use in closing the portion of Fifth Street, and arrangements have been made with the Parks & Recreation Department for the use of Bandshell Park.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council may approve the request from Ames Family Fest to close East Fifth Street from Duff Avenue to Carroll Avenue.
2. The City Council may deny this request.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This event will provide our citizens with another opportunity to enjoy outside summer activities, and the closure of East Fifth Street will contribute to the safety of event coordinators and participants.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the street closure request from Ames Family Fest.



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July 7, 2009

Mayor Campbell  
Ames City Council  
515 Clark  
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Mayor Campbell and Ames City Council:

Ames Family Fest is having its second annual free festival for the Ames residents on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at the Bandshell Park from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We are a non-profit organization serving our community through the Bandshell Festival and a food and clothing bank.

Last year's festival at Bandshell Park had 28 vendor booths including churches, businesses and non-profit organizations from our community. This year Ames Family Fest has over 50 booths signed up. Because of some of the new additions along with some of those returning such as the Army's 30ft rock wall, the fire trucks, police cars and the library's Bookmobile we are requesting to have Fifth Street closed from Duff Avenue to Carroll Avenue. We will have the blockades set up and manned at all times from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. We feel having the requested area closure would provide a much safer environment for the families with young children, allowing them to freely explore a family-fun event without the parents being overly concerned about traffic. We are very safety cautious and we have required all booths/vendors to have proof of insurance and we also have liability insurance for the day.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Ames Family Fest  
Kim Kilzer, President/Founder