

AN ORDINANCE 2008-08-07-0646

APPROVING THE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE OF EAST GRAYSON BETWEEN ISLETTA AND AVENUE A AND KARNES STREET BETWEEN EAST JOSEPHINE STREET AND EAST GRAYSON STREET ON SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 2008, OCTOBER 3, 4, 10-12, 17-19, 23-31, 2008, AND NOVEMBER 1, 2008 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.

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WHEREAS, the “Nightmare on Grayson” event has been held since 1988 and has grown in popularity and attendance, therefore H & M Rock, Inc. is requesting temporary street closure to accommodate the daily volume of people attending and ensure pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, H & M Rock, Inc., has specifically requested a temporary street closure of the two northern-most westbound lanes for pedestrian use only and the single southern-most lane restricted to east-bound vehicular traffic only with the remaining central lane restricted to no use (vehicular or pedestrian) along East Grayson Street between Isletta Street and Avenue A and Karnes Street between East Josephine Street and East Grayson Street in conjunction with the “Nightmare on Grayson” event to be held this Halloween season on the following dates: September 26 and 27, October 3, 4, 10 - 12, 17 - 19, 23 - 31, November 1, 2008 from at 6:00 p. m. to midnight; and

WHEREAS, approval of this Ordinance is to ensure pedestrian safety; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The temporary street closure of East Grayson between Isletta and Avenue A, and Karnes Street between East Josephine Street and East Grayson Street, requested by **H & M Rock, Inc.**, is hereby authorized, in order to hold the annual “Nightmare on Grayson” from 6:00 p.m. to midnight on the following dates: September 26 and 27, October 3, 4, 10 - 12, 17 - 19, 23 - 31, November 1, 2008. The City finds that granting this request will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the participants and the public in the vicinity.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to further implement this Ordinance by taking any additional actions deemed necessary to protect the public.

SECTION 3. Funds generated by this Ordinance will be deposited into Fund 11001000 General Fund, Internal Order 223000000163 TRAFFIC - PARADE/BLOCK PARTY BARRICADE General Ledger 4401270 Svc Charge - Street Closures and Events.

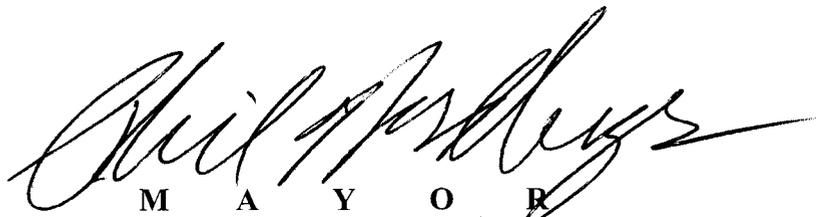
SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance for the City of San Antonio. The Director may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. **H & M Rock, Inc.** shall be responsible for the following: a) fulfilling all insurance requirements, paying the required street closure permit fee and any other fees and license

charges; b) posting signs, employing a certified barricade company to operate the closures and be responsible for providing the necessary detour of traffic nightly; c) the use of any off duty or on-duty police officers, as may be required by the City of San Antonio's Public Works and/or Police Departments to provide for the safety of patrons and the rerouting of traffic; and d) cleaning the area up after the event is held.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be effective on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of August, 2008.



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PHIL HARDBERGER

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

Agenda Item:	18 (in consent vote: 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17A, 17B, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34A, 34B, 34C, 34D, 34E, 34F, 34G, 34H, 34I, 34J, 34K, 35, 36A, 36B, 36C, 36D, 36E, 36F, 36G, 36H, 36I, 36J)						
Date:	08/07/2008						
Time:	03:08:26 PM						
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve						
Description:	An Ordinance approving the temporary street closure of East Grayson between Isletta and Avenue A and Karnes Street between East Josephine Street and East Grayson Street on September 26, 27, 2008, October 3, 4, 10-12, 17-19, 23-31, 2008, and November 1, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. [Sharon De La Garza, Assistant City Manager; Majed Al-Ghafry, Director, Public Works]						
Result:	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Phil Hardberger	Mayor		x				
Mary Alice P. Cisneros	District 1		x				
Sheila D. McNeil	District 2		x				
Jennifer V. Ramos	District 3		x				x
Philip A. Cortez	District 4		x			x	
Lourdes Galvan	District 5		x				
Delicia Herrera	District 6		x				
Justin Rodriguez	District 7		x				
Diane G. Cibrian	District 8		x				
Louis E. Rowe	District 9		x				
John G. Clamp	District 10		x				



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
Request for Council Action

Agenda Item # 18
Council Meeting Date: 8/7/2008
RFCA Tracking No: R-3524

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Majed A. Al-Ghafry

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) IMPACTED:
Council District 1

SUBJECT:
Temporary Street Closure - East Grayson and Karnes

SUMMARY:

This ordinance approves the request by the applicant, H & M Rock, Inc. operating Nightmare on Grayson, for a temporary street closure of East Grayson Street between Isletta Street and Avenue A and Karnes Street between East Josephine Street and East Grayson Street on September 26, 27, October 3, 4, 10-12, 17-19, 23-31 and November 1, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The applicant, H & M Rock, Inc., has specifically requested a temporary street closure of the two northern-most westbound lanes for pedestrian use only and the single southern-most lane restricted to east-bound vehicular traffic only with the remaining central lane restricted to no use (vehicular or pedestrian) along East Grayson Street between Isletta Street and Avenue A and Karnes Street between East Josephine Street and East Grayson Street in conjunction with the Nightmare on Grayson event to be held this Halloween season on September 26, 27, October 3, 4, 10-12, 17-19, 23-31 and November 1, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily. The event includes a haunted house located in the large building at 201 East Grayson along with various street vendors and concessions. The event has been held at this location since 1988 and has grown significantly in popularity and attendance. As a result, the applicant is compelled to request the street closure to accommodate the nightly volume of patrons attending the event. Since 1999, the City has granted the street closures.

The maximum attendance at any given time will be approximately 850 patrons. This number is based on a three-time turnover of visits with the anticipated maximum of 2500 visits on a popular night. To accommodate the number of patrons, the applicant will ensure adequate parking is provided, employ a certified barricade company to operate the street closure and detour of traffic and employ off duty officers through the Bexar County Constable's Office for security.

The average passengers per vehicle will be 3.5 persons for a function of this nature. Therefore, a

minimum of 250 parking spaces is sufficient to accommodate the 850 patrons during popular nights. To date, the applicant has identified approximately 291 parking spaces in both public and private lots with additional private parking spaces planned to be available prior to the event. As illustrated in the attached detour map, motorists traveling west on Grayson Street toward the subject location will be detoured north to E. Josephine Street and then west on E. Josephine Street while motorists traveling east on Grayson Street will be directed and contained within the single southern-most eastbound lane. Based on the traffic engineering report provided by Steitle Traffic Engineering and supplied by the applicant, the temporary closure will not significantly impact the regular flow of traffic. It has been determined that the detour route will sufficiently handle the amount of traffic anticipated with the event.

A proposal to convert Grayson Street from a 4-lane cross section to a 2-lane street to accommodate on-street parallel parking with meters is currently under review by City staff. The parking proposal will extend from Broadway to East Euclid Avenue and will provide an additional 60 parking spaces on Grayson Street. Upon approval, construction is anticipated to begin in September and is expected to be completed in December 2008. Staff anticipates working with all parties to accommodate the Nightmare on Grayson event and to alleviate any inconveniences to the on-street parallel parking construction project.

ISSUE:

Temporary street closures may generate support or opposition from abutting property owners. Therefore, individual street closure acknowledgement forms are included in the typical permit application to verify that the abutting property owners are appropriately contacted. Temporary street closures that generate opposition from abutting property owners are presented to City Council for approval or denial.

The applicant has received all but one of the street closure acknowledgment forms back from surrounding property owners indicating approval of the applicant's request. The developer of the Pearl Brewery site, Silver Ventures, has not returned their acknowledgment form to the applicant, but has verbally expressed their disapproval of the temporary street closure request. Silver Ventures has expressed that the event has outgrown its facility and, with the recent re-development, is a nuisance specifically affecting the residents living in the Pearl facilities, the students who attend the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and the Aveda Institute and the many tourists who visit the Pearl Stable on a daily basis.

ALTERNATIVES:

As an alternative to staff's recommendation, City Council may deny the temporary street closure as requested by the applicant, recommend alternative street and/or lane closures or deny the request outright.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will receive revenues of \$3,000.00 from the street closure fee associated with the 2008 Nightmare on Grayson event and there will be no additional costs incurred. The breakdown of the \$3,000.00 cost is \$75.00 per block with two blocks at \$150.00 for 20 days.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the safety of the pedestrians attending the 2008 Nightmare on Grayson event, staff recommends approval of the following:

- A temporary closure of the two northern-most westbound lanes for pedestrian use only and the single southern-most lane restricted to east-bound vehicular traffic only with the remaining central lane restricted to no use (vehicular or pedestrian) along East Grayson Street between Isletta Street and Avenue A and Karnes Street between East Josephine Street and East Grayson Street on September 26, 27, October 3, 4, 10-12, 17-19, 23-31 and November 1, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m daily.
- H. & M. Rock, Inc. shall employ a certified barricade company to operate the closure and the necessary detour of traffic, ensure adequate parking is maintained throughout the event to minimize the impact to the surrounding property owners and event patrons and provide security as approved by the San Antonio Police Department.
- Licensed vending/concessions will be located along Karnes Street and along the south edge of Nightmare on Grayson's property (this area does not include ANY of the Right-Of-Way on East Grayson Street). There will be no amplified noise, music and/or live bands in the Right-Of-Way on East Grayson Street.
- Upon approvals, all interested parties will work together to accommodate the Nightmare on Grayson event and alleviate any inconveniences to the on-street parallel parking construction project on Grayson Street. The temporary street closure and detour may be altered as necessary to accommodate both the event and project.

In the future, the applicant may want to seek alternative sites to accommodate the number of pedestrians with minimum impact to surrounding residents and without requiring a temporary street closure.

ATTACHMENT(S):

File Description	File Name
Street Closure Request	Street Closure Request.pdf
Acknowledgement Forms from surrounding property owners	Acknowledgement Forms.pdf
Police & Fire Approval Forms	Police & Fire Approval Forms.pdf
Traffic Detour	Traffic Detour.pdf
Parking Agreements	Parking Agreements.pdf
Voting Results	
Ordinance/Supplemental Documents	200808070646.pdf

DEPARTMENT HEAD AUTHORIZATIONS:

Majed A. Al-Ghafry Director Public Works

APPROVED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Sharon De La Garza Assistant City Manager