

Staff Report



Community Services Department

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REPORT TO: Finance and Corporate Services Committee

DATE OF MEETING: September 16, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria MacNeil, Director of Enforcement, 519-741-2200 ext. 7952

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WARD(S) INVOLVED: All

DATE OF REPORT: August 29, 2024

REPORT NO.: CSD-2024-391

SUBJECT: NOISE EXEMPTION – K-W OKTOBERFEST

RECOMMENDATION:

That an exemption to Chapter 450 (Noise) of the City of Kitchener Municipal Code be granted to K-W Oktoberfest Inc. for a series of events being held at various clubs between September 27 through October 19, 2024, as outlined in the letter from K-W Oktoberfest Inc., dated August 9, 2024 attached to Report CSD-2024-391

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to seek a blanket noise exemption for K-W Oktoberfest which will be held at various club locations throughout the city.
- Oktoberfest celebrations will take place over a three-week span from September 27 thru October 19, 2024
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

BACKGROUND:

K-W Oktoberfest Inc. is requesting an exemption to Chapter 450 (Noise) of the City's Municipal Code for a series of Oktoberfest events being held during the 2024 Oktoberfest festivities. A copy of their request is attached.

REPORT:

The number of noise complaints relating to these events over the past several years has been minimal. Typically, there appears to be a large degree of acceptance by City residents to these events, given their vast popularity and broad community benefits. The level of cooperation that staff has received from event organizers has been positive.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report supports the delivery of core services.

*** This information is available in accessible formats upon request. ***
Please call 519-741-2345 or TTY 1-866-969-9994 for assistance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Oktoberfest events are widely advertised throughout the entire community.

APPROVED BY: Michael May, DCAO

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Request Letter from K-W Oktoberfest Inc.