

Memo

TO: Munster Town Council Members

FROM: Sergeant James Ghrist, Munster Police Department

DATE: April 21, 2025

RE: Request for Block Party Fees Waiver for National Night Out Event Weekend

For the past three years, the Munster Town Council has graciously waived the stipulations and fees affiliated with block parties for one day only during our National Night Out Against Crime Celebration pre-events. By doing so, this has encouraged and enabled larger participation from the public which in turn has promoted unity in the participating neighborhoods.

We have had approximately twenty block parties held throughout town each year during the past three years. All three years, winning blocks or subdivisions were presented with "Block Unity Award" signs to display in recognition for having held the top events with criteria including planned activities, participation, and neighborhood unity. The signs are presented during the awards portion of our National Night Out Celebration event each year.

In an effort to try and continue to promote positive interaction and unity among our town's residents and neighborhoods, **I am requesting that the Munster Town Council please consider waiving the stipulations and fees related to the organization of block parties for one day (Saturday, August 2nd with a rain date of Sunday, August 3rd) once again this year.** As with the past three years, each of the party coordinators will be provided with guidelines as the date approaches.

We have already begun plans for Munster's 30th Annual National Night Out Celebration and hope to begin signing up block parties this spring so that they can plan ahead for the summer. I hope that we can continue this fun, annual tradition as part of our National Night Out festivities. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued help and support,



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