



CITY OF MANITOWOC

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To: Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Brock Wetenkamp, Director of Parks and Recreation

Re: Staff recommendation for PetSkull Brewing's Metalfest 4 event on 9/11/2026 & 9/12/26

Paul Hoffman with PetSkull Brewing submitted a Special Event Application for Metalfest 4 for a two-day event beginning on September 11, 2026 with two options for the location. Option #1 would be on the City-owned lot between the back of PetSkull Brewing and River North Drive, along with the closure of North 11th Street from York St. to Buffalo St. This would allow PetSkull to set up days in advance, and since this is a ticketed event, it would also be easier for PetSkull to set up fencing in a rectangular lot versus trying to fence off streets. Option #2 would be the same location as last year, which would involve blocking off Buffalo Street between North 10th and North 11th, in addition to the North 11th Street median.

After discussions with the Community Development Department and the City Attorney's Office, our recommendation would be for the City of Manitowoc to enter into a short-term rental agreement with PetSkull Brewing for the use of the lot at a cost of \$100, with staff to ensure the appropriate number of days are available and that the proper insurance is provided by PetSkull Brewing.

In addition to the street closures, a waiver of the noise ordinance is requested from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on both Friday, September 11th and Saturday, September 12th.

Sincerely,

Brock Wetenkamp/sr