



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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**Date:** October 8, 2019

**Subject:** 51<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix

### Recommendation

1. Approve Temporary Street Closures for the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Lake Elsinore Grand Prix on Friday, November 8, 2019, Saturday, November 9, 2019, and Sunday, November 10, 2019.
2. Approve exemption to the Lake Elsinore Municipal Code (LEMC) Chapter 9.23 Public Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at Lakepoint Park during the event hours indicated below.

### Background

The 51<sup>st</sup> annual Lake Elsinore Grand Prix hosted by the Dirt Series LLC, is very popular event held in Downtown Lake Elsinore. The Lake Elsinore Grand Prix (LEGP) consists of multiple days, classes, and heats for motorcycles and UTVs to test their apparatuses and riding ability against their peers. The race course for the 51<sup>st</sup> running will bring LEGP through the streets of downtown Lake Elsinore, while incorporating other street and off-road elements to the 4-day event.

### Discussion

The previous LEGP events were held primarily on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of November and focused on the racing aspect. This year's event is creating an experience for the racing enthusiast as well as the Lake Elsinore residents or City visitor looking for something exciting to experience in the City. Beginning on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> with a Vintage and Veterans bike show on portions of Main Street, races begin on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, continuing on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, and concluding on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. This event has something for everyone.

The Race course will incorporate the hills and roads of previous tracks and bring in the nostalgic Harvey Mushman Race on Saturday. As a result, staff are recommending road closures for event staging and festivities. The Sherriff's Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department and Community Services Department have met and agreed on the routes and closures needed for this event. Departments will coordinate resources to ensure the event is a

safe and memorable experience. In order to ensure the safety of the participants, staff is recommending the following road closures, as detailed in Exhibit A

In addition, staff recommend the exemption of LEMC *Chapter 9.28 Public Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages* at City Park in Lake Elsinore between the hours of 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on November 7, November 8, 2019, November 9, 2019 and November 10, 2019. A beer and wine garden is proposed to be located in City Park in a contained area as dictated by the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC). The applicable Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Permit will be obtained and the associated regulations will be strictly adhered to, as detailed in the event conditions of approval.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Costs for City personnel staffing will be accommodated via the Community Services fiscal budget and fees assessed to the race promoter. In addition, the City has agreed to contribute \$11,000 from the Community Services Department's budget line item for Grand Prix in order to cover the costs for police services, fire services, marketing and portable restrooms.

### **Exhibits**

A – Grand Prix Street Closures Map