

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 27, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: James Slaton, City Manager

FROM: Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

RE: Event Permit Application: Bark on Park March 20 & September 4, 2026

SYNOPSIS

This is a request from the City of Lake Wales Recreation, to host two events downtown called Bark on Park on Fridays March 20 and September 4, 2026. This event will involve closure of Park Avenue from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends

1. That the City Commission approve the permit request to sponsor Bark on Park events on Fridays March 20 and September 4th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
2. That the City Commission approve the closure of Park Avenue between Scenic HWY and N Market St.
3. Approve the serving of alcohol within the designated boundary.

BACKGROUND

The City of Lake Wales is proposing to host a Bark on Park event on two Fridays March 20th and September 4th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The event will feature closing a portion of Park Avenue between Scenic HWY and N. Market Street from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

OTHER OPTIONS

Do not approve the Special Event Permit.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown.

ATTACHMENTS

Special Event Permit application
Site Plan