AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Title: Recommendation to Approve River Closure and an Amplification License on October 4, 2014 for Inaugural **ROWAMERICA Regatta** Presenter: Chief Keegan

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Estimated Cost:		\$N/A		Budge	ted:	YES		NO	
If NO please explain how item will be funded:									

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Event sponsor will coordinate directly with the Police Department to determine whether or not Police services are necessary for this event. If so, the event sponsor will be invoiced and responsible to reimburse the City of St. Charles for these expenses.

Executive Summary:

This special event application was received on August 28, 2014.

ROWAMERICA is hosting an event entitled ROWAMERICA Regatta. This is the inaugural event and, if successful, the sponsor intends for this to be an annual event to take place on the Fox River in St. Charles. The actual rowing race events, which consist of a 5,000 meter race, will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; however, set-up will commence on Friday afternoon into the early evening and take down will take place on Sunday. All set-up and river access will take place at Ferson Creek Park located on Route 31. The event sponsor will notify all residents located along the river corridor and downtown businesses about the details for this event.

The sponsor is requesting the authorization and sanctioning of this event by the City to comply with the Special Condition number one of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Statewide Permit #14 to close the Fox River. The river closure is defined as a no wake area. This authorization and sanctioning is City acknowledgement that the Fox River from generally north of the UPRR trestle to our north border be closed from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The use of amplification equipment at Pottawatomie Park is requested for the duration of the event. Carts of Chicago will provide the food for this event. No alcohol is requested to be served for the event. The Police Department will coordinate with the event sponsor to determine the appropriate security coverage required for this event. Attendance is expected to fluctuate during the day, with a total of 300 – 500 people in attendance. The majority of spectators will be viewing the races from Pottawatomie Park. The event sponsor was asked to be cognizant of parking restraints throughout town and to communicate that in their promotional materials. Spectators will be encourage to park at Pottawatomie Park.

The only other event(s) taking place this weekend are those pertaining to Homecoming for St. Charles North High School. The parade and game will take place on Friday and the dance will take place on Saturday.

Attachments: (please list)

Route Map; Event Info Sheet; Parking Map, IDNR letter/information

Recommendation / Suggested Action (briefly explain):

Recommendation to approve closure of the Fox River and an Amplification License on October 4, 2014 for the inaugural ROWAMERICA Regatta.

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ROWAMERICA REGATTA

Come out October 4th, 2014 to celebrate the first rowing regatta on the Fox River in a hundred years.

The river will be closed to traffic from 8am to 5pm on Saturday, October 4th. So, if you plan on being on your boat that day, please be careful not to cause a wake, as it would create unfair conditions for the race participants.

However, viewing the race from the river bank, or on your boat off the race course is strongly encouraged.

Location:

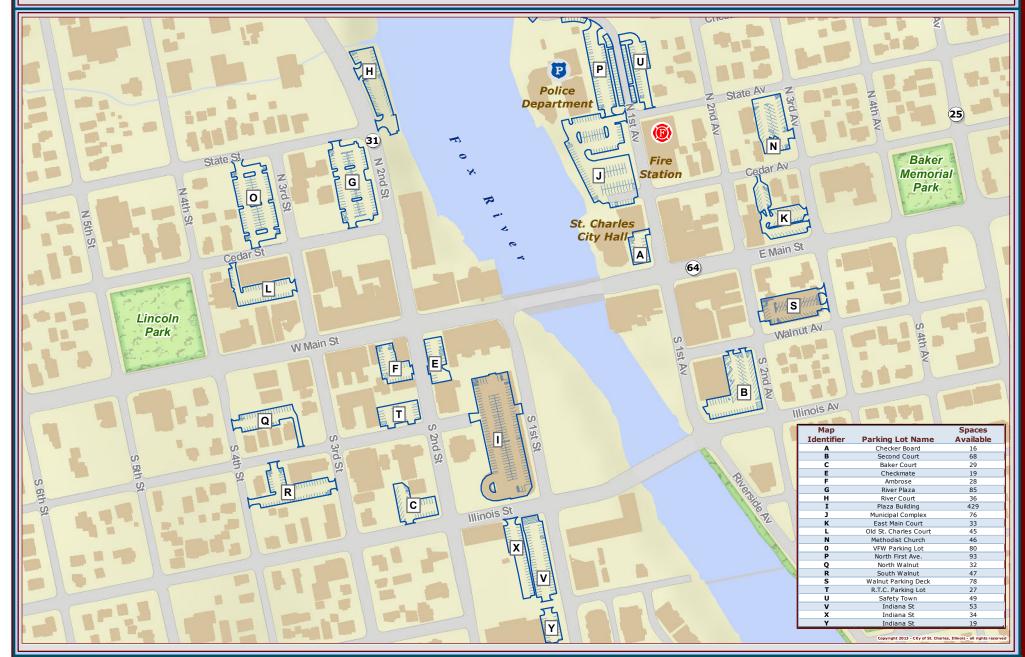
Teams will be Launching from Ferson Creek Park. Boats will be paddling North to the START Line in South Elgin and racing South to the FINISH line at Pottawatomie Park.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer (observation/safety boats needed) email us at i@RowStCharles.com

www.RowstCharles.com

Downtown Parking

RAYMOND ROGINA Mayor
MARK KOENEN City Administrator











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STATEWIDE PERMIT NO. 14
AUTHORIZING SPECIAL USES OF PUBLIC WATERS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Statewide Permit is to authorize special uses of public bodies of water which, by being in compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit, are determined to have negligible adverse impacts on the public's interests, rights, safety, or welfare in those waters. Subsequent to the effective date of this permit, it will not be necessary to submit applications for permit to, or obtain individual permits from, the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, for special uses of public waters meeting the terms and conditions of this permit.

APPLICABILITY

This permit applies to publicly sanctioned designations of public water areas (and the associated placement of signs, ropes, buoys and similar apparatus) for uses such as boat regattas, ski shows, and other similar events on all of the State's public bodies of water. This permit does <u>not</u> apply, however, to any activity which would conflict with a federal, state or local project or improvement, or with any other rule of the Department.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In order to be authorized by this permit, the special use must meet the following special conditions.

1. The activity must be sanctioned and authorized by the local governmental body having jurisdiction over the area within which the use is proposed to occur.

October 2, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: STATEWIDE PERMIT #14 - Special Uses of Public Waters

Attached for your information is a copy of Statewide Permit No. 14 which the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR), has issued to authorize specified special uses of the State's public bodies of water. The issuance of this permit is intended to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on the public and to reduce the costs of regulation by eliminating those efforts duplicated by other local, state and federal authorities. This permit has been issued pursuant to the Rivers, Lakes and Streams Act, 615 ILCS 5 (1994 State Bar Edition).

The conditions of the permit have been drafted to assure adequate protection of the public interests in the rivers, lakes and streams of the State. It is not necessary to submit applications to, or receive individual permits from, the IDNR/OWR for activities meeting the terms and conditions of the Statewide Permit.

For additional information regarding Statewide Permit No. 14, or its applicability, contact either the Downstate Regulatory Programs Section in Springfield (217/782-3863) or the Northeastern Illinois Regulatory Programs Section in Schaumburg (847/705-4341).

Attachment

- 2. If the activity requires any other state or federal (e.g., U. S. Army Corps of Engineers or U. S. Guard) authorization, Coast authorization(s) must be obtained prior to the commencement of the activity. NOTE: Depending on nature of the special use, additional authorization may be required from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For example, certain boat regattas must be approved by the Office of Law Enforcement.
- 3. No use or activity shall be considered authorized by this permit in excess of seven (7) consecutive days.
- 4. No use or activity shall be considered authorized by this permit in excess of two (2) times in any one-year period.
- 5. If at any time the Department of Natural Resources determines that the activity obstructs or impairs navigation, or unnecessarily infringes on the rights or interests of the public or any individual party, the permittee agrees to modify the activity as directed by the Department of Natural Resources.
- 6. No signs, ropes, etc. used in conjunction with the special use shall be placed or left in any public water area in a way which would create or result in a hazard to boating traffic. All such apparatus shall be removed from the water immediately upon conclusion of the event.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE STATEWIDE PERMIT

- 1. This permit is granted in accordance with the Rivers, Lakes and Streams Act, 615 ILCS 5 (1994 State Bar Edition).
- 2. This permit does not convey title to any permittee or recognize title of any permittee to any submerged or other lands, and furthermore, does not convey, lease or provide any right or rights of occupancy or use of the public or private property on which the project or any part thereof will be located, or otherwise grant to any permittee any right or interest in or to the property whether the property is owned or possessed by the State of Illinois or by any private or public party or parties.

- 3. This permit does not release any permittee from liability for damage to persons or property resulting from the work covered by the permit and does not authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights.
- 4. This permit does not relieve any permittee of the responsibility to obtain other federal, state or local authorizations required for the permitted activity; and if the permittee is required by law to obtain authorization from any federal authority to do the work, the authorization is not effective until the federal approval is obtained.
- 5. This Statewide Permit shall remain in effect until such time as it is modified, suspended, or revoked by the Department of Natural Resources.

This Statewide Permit was issued on October 2, 1998.

APPROVED:

Brent Manning, Director Department of Natural Resources

EXAMINED AND RECOMMENDED:

Martin J. Stralow, Manager Division of Water Resource Management

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

Donald R. Vonnahme, Director Office of Water Resources