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## MOTION

WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report on fees paid to the city by community councils, CDCs, and neighborhood business associations for special events permits, Parks department permits, and all other event related permits.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration make recommendations to Council on options to defray the cost of these fees for neighborhood organizations.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration institute a policy that permits neighborhood organizations who contract with the city through the Neighborhood Support Program to save the funds they receive for use on projects in the next subsequent contract year.

  
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## **STATEMENT**

**It is undeniable that there is more energy, excitement, and activity in Cincinnati's neighborhoods than anytime I can remember in my political career. Seemingly every week there is something to do—a farmers market in Hyde Park, a street food festival in Walnut Hills, a parade in Northside, Evanston or Mt. Washington, a sustainability event in Sayler Park, or a beer garden in Westwood. These events and more are often planned and executed by volunteer citizens who see the activation of their neighborhoods as integral to the continued improvement for their community.**

**The city should do everything it can to support these events. However, in recent years, one of the most common issues that is brought to my attention is the cost of the city fees associated with these events.**

**This motion calls for a report on the amount of fees paid to the city by neighborhood organizations, such as community councils, CDCs, and business associations. Additionally, the motion seeks the Administration's input into how best to help defray these costs.**

**Armed with this information, City Council can make important decisions about how best to support neighborhoods whose residents dedicate countless hours and dollars to pulling off events that highlight the diversity and character of our city.**