

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 03/25/25

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0261

**LOG NAME:** 25BASS MASTER CLASSIC 2025

**SUBJECT**

(CD 9) Ratify the Temporary Closure of a Section of Main Street from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and a Section of 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Houston Street to Commerce Street, from March 17, 2025 through March 24, 2025 to Accommodate the 2025 Bass Master Pro Classic Programming and Activations in General Worth Square

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council ratify the temporary closure of Main Street from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and a Section of 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Houston Street to Commerce Street, from March 17, 2025 through March 24, 2025 to accommodate the 2025 Bass Master Pro Classic Programming and Activations in General Worth Square.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Under Armour will return to Fort Worth for fishing's biggest event of the year. Dubbed the Super Bowl of Bass Fishing, this tournament is estimated to draw crowds approaching 150,000 to Fort Worth on March 21-23, 2025.

The Fort Worth Sports Commission will host the tournament and festivities at Lake Ray Roberts, the Stockyards, Fort Worth Convention Center and Dickies Arena.

B.A.S.S. LLC, the parent company of the Bassmaster Classic, has applied for a permit to accommodate the outdoor programming and activations in General Worth Square, including Main Street from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Streets, and 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Houston Street to Commerce Street during the 2025 Bassmaster Classic; and for event set-up from March 17, 2025 through March 24, 2025. The street closure is to accommodate the production of the outdoor event.

This request requires City Council approval since it exceeds the three-day time limit for administrative approval of street closures as stated in the Traffic Engineering Design Standards and Policy Guidelines. The Policy was designed to keep the City Council informed of major street closures in the City.

As provided by the Outdoor Events Ordinance, this request has been reviewed by the Events Calendar Committee and Pre-Event Committee. The review included consideration of the impact of the street closures and with approval of this Mayor and Council Communication, the outdoor events permit will be issued.

A traffic control plan and detour route have been approved. The Public Events Department and Transportation and Public Works Department have reviewed and concur with this request. Details of the street closures are attached to this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C). There may be additional streets and areas that require closing that are not specifically outlined in the M&C. Staff is granted the authority to make closure adjustments as needed for the safe production of the event.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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