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**City of Milwaukee Special Event Permit
2020 Democratic National Convention
Saturday, August 15 – Saturday, August 22, 2020**

- a. The Special Event: The City of Milwaukee is pleased to host the 2020 Democratic National Convention (DNC) that will convene to select the Democratic Party’s presidential nominee on August 17-20, 2020. Pursuant to Common Council File No. 181430 and the contractual obligations between the City of Milwaukee, the Democratic National Convention Committee, and the DNC Host Committee, the City will provide public space to facilitate the First Amendment rights of speech and assembly to all interested persons through designated assembly points, a permitted parade route, and a speaker’s platform. The City is also committed to facilitating related civic and social events.
- b. National Special Security Event: Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3056(e)(1) and the designation of the DNC as a National Special Security Event (“NSSE”) by the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security, the United States Secret Service and the Milwaukee Police Department are tasked with planning, coordinating and implementing DNC security operations. Within the larger special event permit area (the “soft zone”), a smaller, secured area surrounding the convention-related facilities (the “hard zone”) will be accessible only to persons authorized and credentialed by the United States Secret Service. The provisions of this special event permit shall be subordinate to federal law enforcement jurisdiction pursuant to the NSSE designation.
- c. Special Event Permit: The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works for the City of Milwaukee, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 349.13, and Milwaukee Code of Ordinances §§ 7-04, 7.05 and 105-55.5, issues the following Class D special event permit to the City of Milwaukee, through its Department of Public Works and its Commissioner or his designee, and the Police Department, through the Chief of Police or his designee, to approve, restrict, prohibit and permit the use of the public rights-of-way, including sidewalks, alleys and streets, the Riverwalk, and the public parks permitted to the City within the geographic boundaries of the soft zone as designated by the United States Secret Service and the Milwaukee Police Department.
- d. Geographic Boundaries: This special event permit will restrict vehicular traffic and parking—as further detailed below—within the soft zone. The geographic boundaries of the soft zone are as follows (please see attached map):
 - i. Western curb of North Water Street from East Wisconsin Avenue to West Cherry Street (Water Street will remain generally open to vehicular traffic)
 - ii. West Cherry Street between North Water Street and Manpower Place
 - iii. Manpower Place between West Cherry Street and West Vliet Street



- iv. West Vliet Street between Manpower Place and North Dr. M.L.K., Jr. Drive
 - v. North Dr. M.L.K., Jr. Drive between West Vliet Street and West Cherry Street
 - vi. West Cherry Street between North Dr. M.L.K., Jr. Drive and North 6th Street
 - vii. North 6th Street between West Cherry Street and West Vliet Street
 - viii. West Vliet Street between North 6th Street and North 7th Street
 - ix. North 7th Street between West Vliet Street and West Fond du Lac Avenue
 - x. West Fond du Lac Avenue (State HWY 145) between North 7th Street and the Interstate 43 North exit and entrance ramps
 - xi. North 9th Street between West Winnebago Street and the ramp connecting Interstate 794 West to Interstate 43 North
 - xii. West Clybourn Street between the ramp connecting Interstate 794 West to Interstate 43 North and North 2nd Street
 - xiii. North 2nd Street between West Clybourn Street and West Wisconsin Avenue
 - xiv. Wisconsin Avenue between North 2nd Street and the western curb of North Water Street
- e. Vehicular Traffic Restrictions: Consistent with security requirements as determined by the United States Secret Service and the Milwaukee Police Department, motor vehicle traffic within the soft zone will be restricted via controlled access points staffed by law enforcement personnel. Other than at controlled access points, streets will be barricaded to prevent vehicular traffic from entering the soft zone. Motor vehicles permitted to enter the soft zone via controlled access points will generally be directed and/or escorted to their destination within the soft zone and limited to the following:
- i. Law enforcement and other government vehicles
 - ii. Buses and other credentialed livery transporting delegates and convention VIPs (escorted/directed by law enforcement)
 - iii. Delivery vehicles resupplying businesses within the soft zone (vehicles subject to search, escorted/directed by law enforcement, and limited to certain timeframes)
 - iv. Personal vehicles of individuals residing within the soft zone (vehicles subject to search and escorted/directed by law enforcement)
- f. Parking Restrictions: Parking of motor vehicles within the soft zone will be limited to the following:
- i. Law enforcement and other government vehicles
 - ii. Buses and other credentialed livery transporting delegates and convention VIPs (escorted/directed by law enforcement)
 - iii. Delivery vehicles resupplying businesses within the soft zone (vehicles subject to search, escorted/directed by law enforcement, and limited to certain timeframes)
 - iv. Personal vehicles will not be permitted to park on streets, alleyways or uncovered surface areas within the soft zone. The City will work to arrange alternative parking for soft zone residents who normally park on the street or in uncovered surface areas.
- g. Permitting of Assembly Activity: No permit shall be necessary to demonstrate, protest, speak, carry written signs, or assemble on any street, sidewalk, or public park permitted by the City



within the soft zone covered by this special event permit, with the exception of the permitted parade route during scheduled parade times and speaker's platform during permitted speaker time. The Milwaukee Code of Ordinances remains in effect throughout the soft zone, including those ordinances specifically preventing disorderly conduct, unlawful assemblies, the blockage of streets and sidewalks, interfering with pedestrian movement, the abandonment of personal items in the public right of way, or the securing of unattended signs on public facilities or property.

Time, place and manner permits issued by the Commissioner of Public Works shall be required to parade in the street and speak at the City-provided speaker's platform within the soft zone covered by this special event permit. Civic and social events may be permitted by the Commissioner of Public Works inside the soft zone covered by this special event permit in conjunction with the Democratic National Convention Committee and the DNC Host Committee, provided necessary security arrangements may be coordinated with the United States Secret Service and the Milwaukee Police Department.

