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Issues	Summary	Ordinance Change	Policy/Practice Change	Comments
Notifications/ Communication				
	Runs now have 'cheer zones' throughout the race. Prop. owners near these zones are not notified – only the beginning and ending locations Sound Level Variances - DSI notifies prop. owners only for locations that applicant has identified as a source that will exceed the noise ordinance sound level limits	Opt. 1: include amplified noise in current noise ordinance Opt 2: create a permit process for amplified noise <i>See Options for Amending Chapter 293</i>		
	Prop. Owners are notified within 300 ft; the city provides the notification Noise ordinance only requires 200 ft. notification-DSI policy since last summer is to use 300 ft.			This distance is acceptable as long as 'cheer zones' are included; Question: Who should provide the notification – the city or event organizers?
	District Councils and the public are not made adequately aware of events. Currently the ENS is used to broadcast permit requests. DSI uses the ENS for all Sound Level Variances. Consistent notification after the permit has been granted is needed.			
			Created a webpage with updated information http://www.stpaul.gov/calend	

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	Chapters 366A.11. Notice to city and other officials – this section has not been consistently followed	Proposal to add district councils to notification list-(<i>see options for amending 366A</i>)		
Location of Event				
	Some locations are the prime spots for events (Summit, MRB, Shepard)		Current policy to limit road closures to 2X/month;	Locations are popular because of beauty, terrain and condition of roads
			Road closure permit committee will cont. to encourage other locations	
Transparency of Process				
	Some new event sponsors are unsure of the process		Create a webpage with contact info http://www.stpaul.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/16635	Best practice study indicates the City should seriously consider a one stop shop
	City staff want flexibility in applying waivers for fees and requirements on a case by case basis vs a need for clear standards everyone understands and abides by			Should a waiver policy be developed? What would be the criteria?

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Length of Process				
	Current process does not allow time for event sponsors to appeal decisions to City Council		Increase time lines (<i>see proposed ordinance changes to Section 366A.04</i>)	
Fee Structure				
	Each of the departments involved charge fees. For example, notifications are handled by DSI for a flat fee of \$164 in the noise ordinance. Initial analysis shows this amount does not cover costs. Costs vary depending on the event. It is unclear whether other department's costs are covered by the fees collected.		In order to get an accurate handle on the costs and revenues, a comprehensive fee structure study should be conducted.	There is a policy issue underlying all fees – does the City want to recoup all its costs which could make it unaffordable for some groups to host events.