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Good afternoon council members,

I am, unfortunately, not able to be at the meeting this evening but wanted to let you know how Mid West Music Fest stands on the proposed changes in fee structure.

We are in favor of the idea of streamlining and increasing communication surrounding local events. This makes sense not only for your office but hopefully will increase the quality of support we see from city departments at our events.

As an organization are not opposed to the changes in fees that we would see for our main event. We are a bit worried about the increased costs we could see for smaller fundraising events that we host throughout the year. These events are not always planned months in advance and these doubling of fees for "late" submissions could definitely alter the types of events we would be able to host.

We are also concerned about the need to provide art vendor licenses info to the city. The way we understand this requirement it feels like us taking some responsibility for whether our vendors are paying taxes or not. It was mentioned in the meeting at Explore that if we do not provide this info, our vendors would be required to get a permit from the city prior to vending. If that happens many of them will opt out and this would effect not only the quality of our vintage and makers market but our festival as a whole.

We would also like to add that while we aren't too concerned with how the fees will effect our main festival, we do have concerns about how it will effect our non-profit allies and community partners here in town. We feel this needs more time and discussion before it is passed.

Thanks so much for your time,

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May 1-2, 2020 - Winona, MN

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