



**APPLICATION FOR USE OF
PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EVENT**

The following special event has been approved by the Special Events Committee.

Submitted by: Denise Miller

Event name: 14th Annual Get Wet For A Vet Ride

Event Date: August 1, 2026

Street Closure: Intermittent crossings along route

Closure Times: 11:45 am to 1:00 pm (ride)

Sidewalk Closure: Yes No

Comments: Annual fundraiser to support local veterans and support organizations.

**CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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Attest: Hillary R. Horvath, Clerk

Date: June 23, 2026

City of South Bend Special Event Application

Motorcycle Ride

Approval Status

Not Started

Fee Schedule

\$50 application fee if filed 60 days or greater (up to 360 days) in advance of event

\$100 expedited application fee if filed 30-59 days in advance of event

We accept payments in person or by mail in the form of a check or money order, and we can also process card payments. Please Bring Payment to: Public Works Service Center, 731 S. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN

Review the Instructions on the Special Events page before completing the application.

Motorcycle Special Event applications must be submitted more than 30 days in advance of the event date or the application will not be accepted.

Section A - Applicant Information

Date of Application	Sunday, May 10, 2026
Organization Name	Get Wet for a Vet, Inc
Applicant (Contact) Name	Jim Metherd
Applicant (Contact) Phone Number	(574) 346-1866
Applicant Email	getwetforavetinc@gmail.com
Address	PO Box 231 Mishawaka, IN, 46546

List any professional event organizer, event service provider or commercial fundraiser that is authorized to work on your behalf to plan, produce and/or manage your event.

Section B - Event Information

Event Name	14th Annual Get Wet for a Vet
Event Classification	Non-Profit*

Provide a brief description and timeline of event (Note: a detailed map plan is required in Section D of this application. This description should be a summary overview.)

The "Get Wet for a Vet" committee is requesting your route approval for the 14th Annual Fundraiser scheduled for August 1, 2026, at the VFW Post 360 on Jefferson Blvd. Our organization is dedicated to keeping all donations right here in our community to benefit our local Veterans, we have raised over \$436,000 in our first thirteen years, and this year we will exceed over a half million dollars total raised to aide Michiana Veterans! With the money that was raised to date, we were able to support hundreds of local Veterans and many remarkable local organizations. This year as always, we will continue to support Millers Homeless Veteran Center, we will also partner with Mishawaka Troop Town – a nonprofit that will provide transitional housing to homeless veterans in Michiana.

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Date of Event Setup	Friday, July 31, 2026
Time of Event Setup	02:00 PM
Date of Event	Saturday, August 1, 2026
Event Begin Time	09:00 AM
End Date of Event	Friday, May 1, 2026
Event End Time	07:00 PM
Event Cleanup Completion	Saturday, August 1, 2026
Event Cleanup Completion Time	08:00 PM
Total Anticipated Attendance	300 motorcycle for the ride
Is this a returning event or part of a series of special events?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

Provide the date, location, and attendance of past special events and/or future planned events in the series:

Our function is always the first Saturday of August, this is our 10th consecutive year with an escorted ride, leaving from VFW 360 and returning to the same location.

Section C - Contingency and Strategic Planning

For each of the following, please provide detailed descriptions. If you run out of space, attach a response to this application submission:

Emergency Safety Plan – This plan should include, but is not limited to:

- The number of Indiana police officers, fire, and emergency medical personnel, and the need to use any of the City's public safety or emergency response services.
- If hiring a private security service, provide contact information, proof of insurance and the number of hired event personnel.

Proposed internal communications systems and public address systems.

Emergency Safety Plan

We have designated safety personnel during the ride and security after the ride.

Additionally, as mentioned before, this event takes place every year and involves each local law enforcement agency; Mishawaka, South Bend, County Police. Our point of contact is always Sgt Jason Dziubinski that makes sure the route is safe, arranges all agency escorts, and required road blockers as the ride comes through.

Proposed Cleanup Plan – This plan should include, but is not limited to:

- Measures in place to collect and remove trash, litter and recyclables.

Proposed Cleanup Plan

Non-Applicable

Inclement Weather Plan – This plan should include, but is not limited to:

- Safety measures that will be taken in the event of a tornado warning, tornado watch, thunderstorm, and extreme temperatures.
- Rain date.
- Weather information and forecasts can be found at <https://www.weather.gov/>

Inclement Weather Plan

The only case of postponement is severe thunderstorms, other than that event will go on as planned

Section D - Site Plan / Route Map

Site Plan / Route Map - For All Events:

Provide an attached map with the geographic locations of all event items listed below.

- Outline of entire event venue including the names of all affected streets and areas.
- Complete route map, including any stops and the length of time associated with such stops. Please note if special security or safety measures will be needed for any stop.
- Please note that the route must exist entirely within St. Joseph County, Indiana if police escort is involved at any point of your ride.
- It shall be the South Bend Police Department's sole determination whether a police escort is provided to your event.

Map File Upload



2026 Mishawaka Public Works Requ... .docx

Section E - Mitigation of Impact

IF YOU ARE USING AND/OR CLOSING PUBLIC SIDEWALKS OR STREETS

You are required to notify area business owners and residents in writing 15 days prior to the event.

Attach a copy of the brochure or door hanger distributed to all affected residents/businesses/neighborhood groups describing the event purpose, date and time

Copy of Notice Brochure



2026 Event Flyer.pdf

Section F - Insurance

A Certificate of Insurance (copy) confirming the existence of a liability policy (General Liability and Automobile Liability) of not less than \$700,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 aggregate, which specifically names the City of South Bend, IN as an additionally insured for the event must be submitted.

Copy of Certificate of Insurance must be submitted two (2) weeks prior to the date of the event

Copy of Certificate of Insurance (if you have it)



Certificate of Insurance - 2026 Event.pdf

Section G - Indemnity & Hold Harmless Agreement

Insurance Amount: This event is insured for no less than \$700,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 in aggregate, and the certificate of insurance includes a rider naming City of South Bend, Special Events Committee, and Board of Public Works as additionally insured for the event.

Confirm

Get Wet for a Vet, Inc agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Civil City of South Bend, Indiana, its agents, officers, and employees (collectively ("City"), from any liability, loss, costs, damages or expenses, including attorney fees, which the City, may suffer or incur as a result of any claims or actions which may be made against the City, its agents, employees, or subdivisions by any person, including a participant in the activity, arising out of the approval of this request by the City, through the Board of Public Works, to close a portion of the public right-of-way for the event described above, or for any harm or damage alleged to have occurred because of the holding of the special event. The undersigned certifies that he/she is authorized to bind the APPLICANT to these terms.

Signed on this date:

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Signature

Printed Name

Jim Metherd

Section L - Permit and Agreement

1. Pursuant to Local Ordinance No. 10628-18, there is a \$50.00 non-refundable fee for motorcycle rides applications filed 60 or greater days in advance of the event.
2. The APPLICANT must comply with all terms and conditions of this Permit and Agreement.
3. The APPLICANT shall reimburse the City for the actual cost of the event, if the City incurs

unexpected, undisclosed expenses related to the event.

4. Notification of approval/denial of this request will be issued in writing by the City's Board of Public Works or Special Event Committee.
5. The APPLICANT shall provide the City a Certificate of Insurance showing a liability policy in full force and effect with limits of \$700,000.00 per occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate and the City of South Bend, Special Events Committee, and Board of Public Works listed as an additional named insured for this event.
6. The APPLICANT assumes full responsibility for providing ample disposal containers for refuse/recycling and assures the area will be cleaned up upon the conclusion of the event.
7. Barricades will be delivered and picked up at the event location upon request. The APPLICANT is responsible for seeing that all cones are maintained and returned undamaged.
8. The APPLICANT will follow the City of South Bend Noise Ordinance, which is in effect at all hours. Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. certain noises are particularly prohibited. These include operating radio receiving sets, musical instruments, and other sound reproduction devices if audible fifty(50) feet away, as well as shouting, yelling, hooting, whistling, or singing in the streets in a manner to disturb the peace.
9. The APPLICANT assures the City that the area will be closed during the times indicated on the application only. Event end times are pursuant to the recommendations of the Board of Publics, South Bend Police Department or the Special Events Committee.

I have read the Application and the Permit and Agreement for this Special Event and I affirm the truth of the information provided by me to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree to the above rules and regulations, and any applicable state and federal laws. I also understand that this application may be denied based on any false or incomplete information.

Signed on

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Signature



Printed Name

Jim Metherd

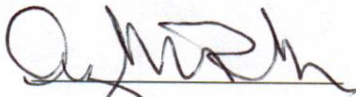
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Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____


SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE APPROVAL



President



Member



Member



Member

Member

5/27/26

Date

SPECIAL EVENT SIGNATURE FORM

Prior to the Commissioners approval of the Get Wet for a Vet Fundraiser on Saturday, 1 August 2026 your request needs to be approved by the appropriate departments affected by the designated route.

*** Emergency Management – 125 S. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601**

Ph. (574) 235-9378 Email. akirsits@sjcindiana.com

I have been contacted regarding this event and give my approval of the event as stated.

Alfred P. Kirsits 5/11/2026
Al Kirsits, Director Date

*** St. Joseph County Sheriff – 4141 Lathrop St., South Bend, IN 46628**

Ph. (574) 245-6540 Fax. (574) 245-6574

I have been contacted regarding this event and give my approval of the event as stated.

Bill Redman 06-10-2026
Bill Redman, County Sheriff Date

*** St. Joseph County Engineering – 227 W. Jefferson Blvd. Rm. 732, South Bend, IN 46601**

Ph. (574) 235-7800 Email. dkozlowski@sjcindiana.com

I have been contacted regarding this event and give my approval of the event as stated.

Sky K. Medors P.E., County Engineer Date

*** South Bend Dept. of Public Works – 215 S. Dr. Martin Luther Jr. Blvd.**

Ph. (574) 235-9251 Fax. (574) 235-9171

I have been contacted regarding this event and give my approval of the event as stated.

Abigail Magas, P.E., City Engineer Date

*** Indiana Dept. of Transportation – 315 East Boyd Boulevard**

Ph. (219) 851-1426 Fax. (219) 325-7516

I have been contacted regarding this event and give my approval of the event as stated.

Mike Hurt, Plymouth District Date

*** Mishawaka Engineering Dept. – 100 Lincolnway West, Mishawaka, IN 46544**

Ph. (574) 258-1619 Fax. (574) 258-1776

I have been contacted regarding this event and give my approval of the event as stated.

Chris Jamrose, P.E., Mishawaka Engineer Date



GET WET FOR A VET

14TH ANNUAL

21+ EVENT

★ SUPPORTING VETERANS ★

RIDE FOR OUR HEROES

AUGUST 1ST 2026

TURN YOUR PASSION
INTO PURPOSE

VFW 360 - 1307 JEFFERSON BLVD

RIDE • BBQ • LIVE MUSIC • RAFFLES • DRINKS • DUNK TANK

REGISTRATION BEGINS - 9:00AM

RAEYNN'S BREAKFAST - 9:00AM

EVENT GATES OPEN - 1:00PM

BANDS BEGIN - 2:00PM

KICKSTANDS UP - 11:45AM

OPENING CEREMONY - 1:30PM

BBQ LUNCH SERVED - 2:30PM



GET WET FOR A VET, INC
Non for Profit 501C3

Dear Board of Public Works,

The "Get Wet for a Vet" committee is requesting your route approval & street closure for the 14th Annual Fundraiser scheduled for August 1, 2026, at the VFW Post 360 on Jefferson Blvd. Our organization is dedicated to keeping all donations right here in our community to benefit our local Veterans, we have raised over \$436,000 in our first thirteen years, and this year we will exceed over a half million dollars total raised to aide Michiana Veterans! With the money that was raised to date, we were able to support hundreds of local Veterans and many remarkable local organizations. This year as always, we will continue to support Millers Homeless Veteran Center, we will also partner with Mishawaka Troop Town – a nonprofit that will provide transitional housing to homeless veterans in Michiana.

We request the Board consider our request to close Maplehurst Avenue at Jefferson Blvd to East Borley Avenue from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM to allow for overflow motorcycle & handicap parking. Neighbors and businesses will be provided written notices no less than 14 days prior for planning purposes, if any emergencies would arise, exceptions would be allowed.

This year registration is @ 09:00 ride departs @ 11:45 and returns @ 1:00 using the route below:

East on Jefferson to Capital/Elm turning South, to west on New Rd, to south on 931, to west on St Rt 4, to north on St Rt 23, to east on Kern, to north on Ironwood, to east on Mishawaka Ave, to north on Cedar and then back to the VFW on Jefferson.

County Police Sgt Dziubinski determined this route and will coordinate the required assistance from other agencies, cones and barriers will be in place and positioned. We are willing to meet with the Board at your convenience to further discuss and to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you in advance for your consideration in approving this which will allow us to assist many more local Veterans.

Respectfully,

Jim Metherd
President, Get Wet for a Vet
(574)346-1866
GetWetForaVetInc@gmail.com



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

05/04/2026

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Randy Lelaert Agency Inc 410 Lincoln Way W Osceola IN 46561		CONTACT NAME: Sunny Chilafoe PHONE: (A/C, No, Ext): E-MAIL ADDRESS:		FAX (A/C, No): (574)674-9582	
INSURED Get Wet For A Vet, Inc 505 S 31st St South Bend IN 46615		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #	
		INSURER A: Spriksa Insurance			
		INSURER B:			
		INSURER C:			
		INSURER D:			
		INSURER E:			
		INSURER F:			


COVERAGES**CERTIFICATE NUMBER:****REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
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	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$
							MED EXP (Any one person) \$
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER						GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 1,000,000
							PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$
							\$
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
							\$
	UMBRELLA LIAB						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
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	EXCESS LIAB						\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE						\$
	DED <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$						\$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY						PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER <input type="checkbox"/>
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) <input type="checkbox"/> Y/N N/A						E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

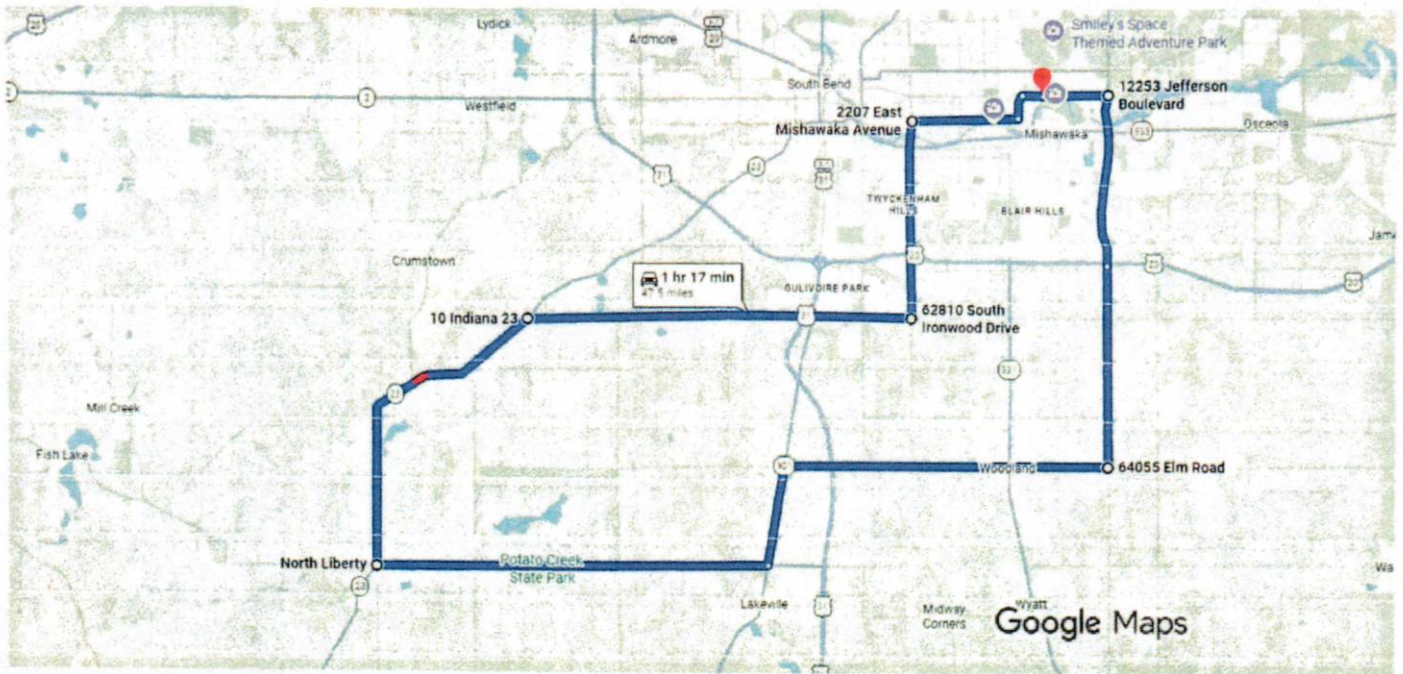
City of South Bend 227 W Jefferson Blvd South Bend IN 46601	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 
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Fax: Email:


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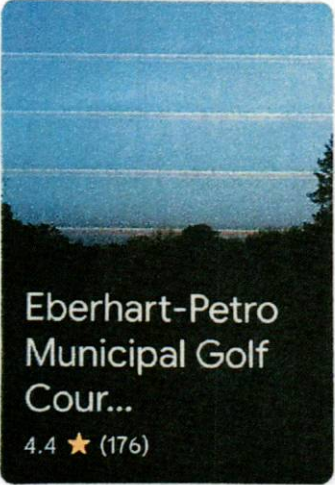
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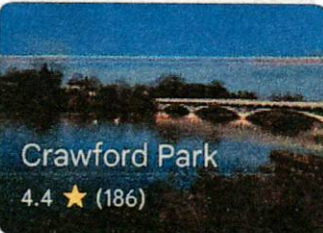



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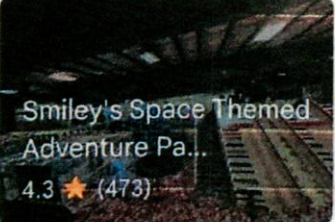

via E Jefferson Blvd **1 hr 17 min**
 Fastest route, the usual traffic 47.5 miles

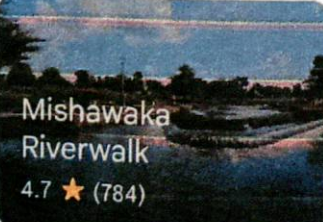
Explore nearby VFW Post 360

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Eberhart-Petro Municipal Golf Cour...
4.4 ★ (176)
- 

Crawford Park
4.4 ★ (186)
- 

Central Park
4.6 ★ (2,397)
- 

Smiley's Space Themed Adventure Pa...
4.3 ★ (473)
- 

Mishawaka Riverwalk
4.7 ★ (784)

(574)233-0311
CITY OF SOUTH BEND SPE
215 DR MARTIN LUTHER KI
SOUTH BEND, IN 46601

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CREDIT CARD

VISA SALE

Card #	XXXXXXXXXX44115
Seq #:	5
Batch #:	6
SWI/ICE	5
Approval Code:	729670
Entry Method:	Manual
Mode	Online
Tax Amount:	\$0.00

SALE AMOUNT \$50.00

CUSTOMER COPY

(574)233-0311
CITY OF SOUTH BEND SPE
215 DR MARTIN LUTHER KI
SOUTH BEND, IN 46601

05/11/2026 13:26:13
MID: XXXXXXXXXXXX064 TID: XXXXX199

CREDIT CARD
VISA SALE

Card #	XXXXXXXXXXXX4115
SEQ #:	6
Batch #:	6
INVOICE	5
Approval Code:	729670
Entry Method:	Manual
Mode:	Online
Tax Amount:	00.00

SALE AMOUNT \$50.00

I agree to pay above total amount
according to card issuer agreement.
(Merchant agreement if Credit Voucher)

X _____

MERCHANT COPY