

A new plan to charge those who want to stake out viewing spots along the Oktoberfest Maple Leaf parade route in La Crosse is not drawing a huge enthusiastic response from some. Like city council president Dick Swantz. Primarily, he says, it's too close to the event to make parade viewing permits requirement reasonable

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Swantz also believes enforcement of the permits will be extra work for city police. The city's public works board considers the idea again next week.