

## **Sec. 17B-11. Demonstrations and festivals involving more than fifteen persons.**

- (a) No person shall engage in, participate in, aid, form, or start any picketing or demonstration or festival involving more than 15 persons unless a permit shall have been obtained from the chief of police or his designee. Application for a permit for any picketing or demonstration or festival must be made as set forth in this chapter.
- (b) Filing. An application for a permit shall be filed with the chief of police not less than ten days before the date on which it is proposed to conduct the picketing or demonstration.
- (c) Contents. The application for a permit shall set forth the following information:
  - (1) The name, address and telephone number of the person or persons seeking to conduct the picketing or demonstration;
  - (2) If the picketing or demonstration is proposed to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by an organization; the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the organization, and the authorized and responsible heads of such organization, and the registered agent and officers if a corporation;
  - (3) The name, address and telephone number of the person or persons who will be the leader of the picketing or demonstration and who will be responsible for its conduct;
  - (4) The date when the picketing or demonstration is to be conducted;
  - (5) The location of the planned picketing or demonstration;
  - (6) The approximate number of persons who will constitute such picketing or demonstration;
  - (7) The hours when such picketing or demonstration will be conducted;
  - (8) The time at which persons will begin to assemble at any such assembly area or areas;
  - (9) The interval of space, if any, to be maintained between units of the picketing or demonstration;
  - (10) If the picketing or demonstration is designed to be held by, and on behalf of, or for, any person or organization other than the applicant, the applicant for such permit shall file with the chief of police a communication in writing from the person or organization proposing to conduct the picketing or demonstration, authorizing the applicant to apply for the permit on behalf of such person or organization;
  - (11) Any additional information which the chief of police shall find reasonably necessary to a fair determination as to whether a permit should issue.
  - (12) Applications for demonstrations or festivals held in the CRD or Uptown Zoning Districts will demonstrate compliance with the checklist of requirements adopted by the Board of Uptown Columbus as a condition for any demonstration or festival in those areas.
- (d) Late applications. The chief of police or his designee, where good cause is shown, shall have the authority to consider any application hereunder which is filed less than ten days before the time such picketing or demonstration is proposed to be conducted.
- (e) Standards for issuance. The chief of police shall issue a permit as provided for hereunder when, from a consideration of the application and from such other information as may otherwise be obtained, he finds that:
  - (1) The conduct of the picketing or demonstration will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its location or route;
  - (2) A prior application for a permit for the same time and place has not been made or if made, would reasonably allow multiple occupancy of a particular area; and

- (3) It reasonably appears that the picketing or demonstration will not present a clear and present danger to the public health or safety.
- (f) The chief of police or his designee, after consultation with the public safety director or his designee, shall act upon the application for permit within five days after the filing thereof. If the chief of police disapproves the application, he shall mail to the applicant within five days after the date upon which the application was filed, a notice of his action stating the reasons for his denial of the permit.
  - (g) Any person aggrieved shall have the right to appeal the denial of a permit to the Columbus Council. Appeal shall be taken within ten days after notice. The Columbus Council shall act upon the appeal within ten days after its receipt.
  - (h) The chief of police, in denying an application for a picketing or demonstration permit, shall be required to tender a permit for picketing or demonstration on a date, at a location, at a time, or over a route different from that named by the applicant. An applicant desiring to accept an alternate permit shall, within five days after notice of the action of the chief of police, file a written notice of acceptance with the chief of police. An alternate permit shall conform to the requirements of, and shall have the effect of a permit under this article.
  - (i) Each permit for picketing or demonstration shall include the times for the event and such other information as the chief of police shall find necessary to the enforcement of this article.
  - (j) A permittee hereunder shall comply with all permit directions and conditions and with all applicable laws and ordinances. The leader of the picketing or demonstration shall carry the permit upon his or her person during the conduct of the event.
  - (k) The chief of police shall have the authority to revoke a permit for picketing or demonstration issued hereunder upon application of the standards for issuance or violation of permit conditions.
  - (l) All applicants for permits for any picketing or demonstration or festival involving more than 15 persons shall comply with all provisions of this article and article III of this chapter.