

## Chapter 18B - PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES

### Sec. 18B.01. - Definitions.

The following terms, when used in this Chapter shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

- (1) *Advertise* is the act of publicly announcing or calling public attention to a person, thing, place or event and shall include, but not be limited to, the distribution of handbills or mass mailings, the use of outdoor advertising and announcements by radio, television, newspaper, internet, or social media.
- (2) *Attendance* shall mean the number of persons present at an outdoor public assembly.
- (3) *Block party* shall mean a neighborhood social event intended to, and actually, taking place in whole or in part on a road in a residential area, and which obstructs vehicular traffic in a manner described in F.S. § 316.2045(1), as further described in section 18B.16 of this Chapter.
- (4) *Block Party Permit* is a permit issued in accordance with section 18B.16 of this Chapter.
- (5) *Chief of Police* is the Chief of Police of the City of Orlando, Florida, or his/her designee.
- (6) *Director of Families, Parks and Recreation* is the Director of the Families, Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Orlando, Florida, or his/her designee.
- (7) *Fire Chief* is the Chief of Fire Department of the City of Orlando, Florida, or his/her designee.

- (8) *Fireworks Permit* is a permit to use fireworks or pyrotechnics issued in accordance with Chapter 24 of the City Code.
- (9) *Free Speech Permit* is a public assembly or special event permit applied for and issued in accordance with section 18B.03(1)(c) of this Chapter.
- (10) *Manager of the Special Events Office* is the Special Events Office Division manager of the City of Orlando, Florida, or his/her designee.
- (11) *Onsite Contact* is the person who serves as the primary point of contact during the conduct of any outdoor public assembly or block party. The onsite contact must be present and available during all phases of the outdoor public assembly or block party, including setup, event hours, and teardown.
- (12) *Outdoor Loudspeaker Permit* is a permit as required by the provisions of Chapter 42 of the City Code.
- (13) *Outdoor Public Assembly* (also referred to herein as assembly or event) is any celebration, gathering, ceremony, show, exhibition, concert, pageant, rally, demonstration, or assembly of any kind, which is, (a) calculated to attract, during the course of the event, the physical attendance of one hundred (100) persons or more, and is held in or on any outdoor public property, including but not limited to any park, street, sidewalk, or right-of-way, or (b) which is to be held in or on outdoor private property and is reasonably likely to substantially impede, obstruct, impair, or interfere with the use of any public property including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, or right-of-way. In addition, any parade as defined herein shall be considered an outdoor public assembly.

- (14) *Outdoor Public Assembly Permit* or *Special Event Permit* (also referred to herein as permit) is a permit as required by this Chapter.
- (15) *Parade* is any procession, march or assembly wherein the participants travel by foot, vehicle or otherwise in or upon any street, sidewalk, public right-of-way, bicycle path, public property, or public parking facility within the City; provided, however, that "parade" shall not include a peaceful procession or peaceful picketing that is conducted off the street or roadway in conformance with all traffic laws, city ordinances and state statutes and not in a manner as to obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- (16) *Person* is any individual person, or any firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind, or any combination of such persons.
- (17) *Sidewalk* is any area or way set aside or open to the general public for purposes of pedestrian traffic, whether or not it is paved.
- (18) *Special Events Office* is defined as the division with the City that includes the management and staff who intake, review, and process outdoor public assembly and block party permits.
- (19) *Street* is any place or way set aside or open to the general public for purposes of vehicular traffic, including any berm or shoulder parkway, right-of-way, or median strip thereof.
- (20) *Temporary Event Structure* is any temporary ground supported structure, platform, stage, stage scaffolding or rigging, canopy, tower supporting audio or visual effects equipment, or similar

structures not regulated with the scope of the Florida Building Code.

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Sec. 18B.02. - Permits and Authorizations Required.

- (1) No person shall engage in, participate in, aid, form or start any outdoor public assembly unless an outdoor public assembly permit shall first have been obtained from the City of Orlando.
- (2) The issuance of an outdoor public assembly permit from the Special Events Office shall not relieve any person from the duty to secure other permits or approvals as may be required by the City Code to include, but not be limited to, a tent permit (under City Code Chapter 18), an business tax receipt (under City Code Chapter 36), street, lane or sidewalk use/closure authorization (under City Code Chapter 39), a permit for loudspeaker or other sound amplification device (under City Code Chapter 42), and City Council approval for sale of items on public property (under City Code Chapter 54).
- (3) *Exceptions.* This section shall not apply to, nor shall a permit be required for funeral processions or for events authorized within the legal boundaries of the City-owned and operated Event Venues located at 1610 West Church Street, 287 South Tampa Avenue, 400 West Church Street, and 1920 North Forest Avenue; unless such activity includes the use of additional public property outside of the boundaries of the venue. Additionally, City Council may specifically exempt persons, organizations or assemblies from the requirements of this section, provided that alternate procedures providing for the protections addressed by this Chapter are included in a separate agreement approved by City Council.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

Sec. 18B.03. - Application for Outdoor Public Assembly Permit.

Any person seeking the issuance of an outdoor public assembly permit shall file an application with the Special Events Office of the City.

(1) *Filing Period.*

(a) For single, non-recurring outdoor public assemblies an application for a permit shall be filed with the Special Events Office not more than one calendar year before, and not less than sixty (60) calendar days before, the date and time at which such assembly is proposed to commence; provided, however, that the Manager of the Special Events Office shall waive the minimum sixty (60) day filing period and accept an application filed within a shorter period if after due consideration of the date, time, place, and nature of the assembly, the anticipated number of participants, and the necessity for an amount of City services which will be required in connection therewith, the Manager of the Special Events Office, in conjunction with the Orlando Police and Fire Departments, determines that such waiver will not present a hazard to the public safety because of the reduced amount of time available within which to fully process the application, and provide appropriate City services required for the event. The application shall be signed by the applicant under oath subject to the provisions of section 837.06 of the Florida Statutes.

(b)

For outdoor public assemblies which are to be held on a regular or recurring basis at the same location, and under the same site plan and conditions, during a consecutive ninety (90) day period, an application for a permit covering all such assemblies during that ninety (90) day period may be filed with the Special Events Office not more than one calendar year before, and not less than sixty (60) days before, the date and time at which it is proposed to commence the first such assembly; provided, however, that the Manager of the Special Events Office may waive the minimum sixty-day period after due consideration of the factors specified in (1)(a) above. An event to be considered regular or recurring shall have no substantial changes from the original permit application. The application shall be signed by the applicant under oath subject to the provisions of section 837.06 of the Florida Statutes.

- (c) The Manager of the Special Events Office shall waive the minimum sixty (60) day filing period for single, non-recurring outdoor public assemblies set forth in Section 18B.03(1)(a) if the following criteria are satisfied:
  - (i) The assembly will be about or concern public issue speech on a topic or events coming into public knowledge recently.
  - (ii) The assembly will not involve the sale of food or the sale, distribution, or consumption of alcohol.
  - (iii) No admission fee to the assembly will be charged or solicited.
  - (iv) No commercial activity of any kind will be conducted at the assembly.
  - (v) No tents, tables, or structures will be set up or erected at the assembly.

- (vi) The assembly will not involve the closure of any public streets or roads.
  - (vii) The application does not seek exclusive use of the location of the assembly.
- (2) *Contents.* The application for a permit shall set forth the following information, and such other information as may from time to time reasonably be required:
- (a) The name, place of residence or business, mailing address and telephone number of the person seeking to conduct the assembly.
  - (b) If the assembly 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 of the authorized and responsible heads of such organization.
  - (c) The name, place of residence, mailing address, and telephone number of the individual person who will be the assembly chairperson and who will be responsible for the conduct of the assembly.
  - (d) The date when the assembly is to be conducted.
  - (e) Type of assembly including a description of the activities which will occur during the event.
  - (f) The hours when such assembly will start and terminate.
  - (g) A description of any and all banners, signs, balloons, inflatables, or other attention-getting devices proposed to be utilized in accordance with Chapter 64 of the City Code in connection with the assembly.
  - (h)

The approximate number of participants, not including spectators, who will participate in the assembly.

- (i) The approximate number of spectators who will be present at or near the assembly.
- (j) If the assembly is designed to be held by, and on behalf of or for, any person other than the applicant, the applicant for such permit shall file with the Special Events Office a communication in writing from the person proposing to hold the assembly, authorizing the applicant to apply for the permit on his or her behalf.
- (k) The exact location of the assembly and if the assembly is a parade, the location by streets of any marshaling area or areas for such parade.
- (l) A designation of any public facilities or equipment proposed to be utilized.
- (m) If the application is for a parade, it also shall set forth the following information:
  1. The time at which units of the parade will begin to arrive at the marshaling area or areas, and the times at which all such units will be disbursed therefrom.
  2. The route to be traveled, including the starting point and the termination point as well as directional traffic arrows and street names.
  3. The approximate number of persons who, and animals and vehicles which, will constitute such parade, the type of animals and description of the vehicles.
  - 4.

A Maintenance of Traffic Plan (MOT) plan, that meets or exceeds the requirements of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) design and safety standards.

- (n) Whether alcoholic beverages will be sold, served, or consumed at the assembly. Alcohol sold, served, or consumed, requires an appropriate valid liquor license to be attached to the application.
- (o) A site plan that includes all event elements, including but not limited to vendors, food trucks (and or cooking areas) tents, fence line, barricades, entrance/exit points, stages, parking, emergency access lanes, and alcohol sales, service consumption areas, and any other requirements reasonably requested by the City to promote the safety, health, or welfare of the public.
- (p) Whether an admission fee will be charged to attend the assembly.
- (q) Whether the applicant intends to use fireworks or pyrotechnics at the assembly and seek a permit in accordance with Chapter 24 of the City Code.
- (r) Whether the applicant intends to use tents or other temporary structures at the assembly in accordance with Chapter 18 of the City Code and seek a tent permit under Chapter 18 if required by the terms thereof.
- (s) Whether the applicant intends to sell within the City's streets, sidewalks or other rights-of-way in compliance with the terms of Chapter 54 of the City Code and obtain any necessary approvals therefor.

- (t) Whether the applicant intends to use recording equipment, a loudspeaker or sound amplification devices of any type and seek a permit under Chapter 42 of the City Code if required by the terms thereof.
  - (u) Whether the applicant intends to have a parachutist or use a helicopter in accordance with Chapter 8 of the City Code as part of the assembly.
  - (v) If the application is for a road race, a map of the proposed route, including the starting point and termination point.
- (3) *Fees and deposit.*
- (a) A non-refundable fee to cover the administrative costs of processing the permit shall be paid to the City of Orlando by the person applying for the permit at the time of filing of the application. The permit fee and other fees related to the assembly shall be set forth in a schedule of fees adopted by resolution of City Council.
  - (b) If the application is for the use of any City property or if any City services shall be required for the assembly, the applicant shall pay, prior to the issuance of a permit, the charges therefor in accordance with a schedule of fees approved by City Council by resolution.
  - (c) The permit fees shall be waived by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) if the activity proposed by the applicant involves (1) expressive speech protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, (2) will occur in a public forum, (3) the fees would be so financially burdensome that it would preclude the applicant from exercising First Amendment rights, and (4) adequate

alternate channels of expression are not available. Within five (5) calendar days of a written request from the applicant to waive the fees, the CAO shall render a written decision on whether the fees shall be waived and shall set forth the reasons for the decision. An applicant wishing to appeal the decision of the CAO may file a request for immediate judicial review with a court having jurisdiction thereof, or in the alternative, may file an appeal to City Council within five (5) days after receipt of the notice of denial by filing a written notice with the CAO, with a copy delivered to the City Clerk, and such appeal shall be considered at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. An applicant wishing to appeal the decision of City Council may file a request for immediate judicial review with a court having jurisdiction thereof.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

Sec. 18B.04. - Public Safety Protection.

- (1) The Chief of Police shall determine whether and to what extent additional police protection, and the Fire Chief shall determine whether and to what extent additional fire and medical services reasonably will be necessary for the assembly for purposes of traffic control and public safety. The Chief of Police and the Fire Chief shall base these decisions on the size, location, duration, time and date of the event, the expected sale or service of alcoholic beverages, the number of streets and intersections to be blocked and the need to detour or preempt ordinary citizen travel and use of the streets and sidewalks. Such decisions may take into

consideration historical data from previous similar events. The content of the speech or event or of any anticipated counterprotest will not be a factor in determining the amount of police protection necessary. If possible without disruption of ordinary police, fire, or emergency medical services or compromise to public safety, the event will be policed by regularly scheduled on-duty personnel. If additional police, fire, or medical services for the assembly are deemed necessary by the Chief of Police or the Fire Chief, Special Events Office shall so inform the applicant for the permit. The applicant then shall have the duty to secure the police, fire, or medical services deemed necessary by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief at the sole expense of the applicant who shall prepay the expenses of such protection. Failure to pay such expenses in advance of the assembly shall be grounds for denial of permits.

- (2) Persons exercising their first amendment rights by engaging in events, parades, assemblies or demonstrations conducted for the sole or primary purpose of public issue speech shall not be required to pay the costs of any police, fire, or medical services provided by the City at the assembly.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

#### Sec. 18B.05. - Standards for Issuance of Permit.

- (1) The Manager of the Special Events Office, or his/her designee, shall issue a permit as provided for hereunder when, from a consideration of the application and from other information as may otherwise be obtained, if it appears that:

- (a)

The conduct of the assembly will not interrupt substantially the safe and orderly movement of other pedestrian or vehicular traffic in or contiguous to the route or location of the assembly.

- (b) The concentration of persons, animals and/or vehicles at the assembly will not interfere unduly with proper fire and police protection of, or ambulance service to, areas in or contiguous to the assembly area or other areas of the City.
- (c) Adequate sanitation and other required health facilities are or will be made available in or adjacent to the assembly area.
- (d) There are sufficient parking places near to the site of the assembly to accommodate the approximate number of automobiles reasonably expected to be driven to the assembly.
- (e) The applicant has secured the police, fire, or medical services, if any, required under section 18B.04.
- (f) If the assembly is a parade, such parade is not to be held for the primary purpose of advertising any product, goods or event, which is primarily for private profit, and the assembly itself is not primarily for profit; provided, however, the prohibition against advertising any product, goods or event shall not apply to signs identifying organizations or sponsors furnishing or sponsoring exhibits or structures used in the conduct of the assembly.
- (g) The assembly will not unreasonably burden surrounding private properties and will not deprive owners, lessees, or the patrons of such owners or lessees, of reasonable access to or use of such properties unless the written consent of such owners or lessees has been obtained prior to the assembly.

- (h) The assembly is not reasonably likely to substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the area of the assembly or cause an unresolvable conflict with construction or development in the area of the assembly.
  - (i) The specifications for the proposed assembly do not create significant public safety or health concerns. Such public safety or health concerns shall not be based on the content of any speech or anticipated counterprotest.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), an assembly permit may be denied if:
- (a) The applicant is legally incompetent to contract.
  - (b) The application contains a material falsehood or misrepresentation.
  - (c) The applicant has on prior occasions made material misrepresentations regarding the nature and scope of an assembly previously permitted or has violated the terms of prior permits issued to or on behalf of the applicant.
  - (d) The applicant or entity on whose behalf the application was made has on prior occasions damaged City property and has not paid in full for such damage, or has other outstanding and unpaid debts to the City that are past due.
  - (e) The use or any activity intended by the applicant is prohibited by federal, state, or local law.
  - (f) A prior application for a different assembly or event which will take place at the general time and location has been or will be granted.

- (g) The proposed assembly, when considered either on its own or, if applicable, in conjunction with any other assembly for which a permit or permits are being processed or have been previously granted or in conjunction with scheduled events at Orlando Venues, will unduly burden available City resources such that the resulting deployment of City services would have an adverse effect upon the welfare and safety of persons and property.
  - (h) The proposed assembly is to occur on private property unless the applicant has obtained the express written permission of the property owner or lessee.
  - (i) The proposed assembly is to occur on private property which has been utilized on two or more prior occasions in the previous twelve months to conduct outdoor public assemblies unless such recurring use has been approved through the appropriate City officials as determined by City planning or permitting services.
  - (j) The proposed assembly will require the closure of streets during peak commuter hours on weekdays between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. or between 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- (3) Any event which will involve the erection or placement of any structure, whether permanent or temporary, on a City street, sidewalk, or right-of-way must be approved through the appropriate City officials as determined by City planning or permitting services.
- (4) No permit shall be issued unless all other permits and requirements have been met to include, if applicable, but not limited to any required park facility use contract, alcohol license,

temporary use permits, storm water compliance, building permits, and all approvals from each City department represented reviewing the application.

- (5) If a permit application for an outdoor public assembly permit that is being made in connection with one or more applications for loudspeakers or sound amplification devices under Chapter 42 of the City Code is denied, the Manager of the Special Events Office, or his/her designee may also deny the associated application for a loudspeaker or sound amplification device permit notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 42 of the City Code.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

Sec. 18B.06. - Issuance of Permit; Conditional Approval; Notice of Rejection of Application for Permit.

- (1) Within fifteen (15) business days of receiving a completed application for a permit under this Chapter and all items and information required by Manager of the Special Events Office, or his/her designee, the Manager of the Special Events Office shall decide whether to conditionally approve the application and issue a permit. The applicant must provide the items required by Section 18B.15 within ten (10) business days of being provided conditional approval by the Office of Special Events. If the applicant fails to provide those items within the allotted period, the application shall be deemed incomplete and disapproved. If those items are provided within that time, the application shall be deemed approved as of the date the applicant submits the last of the required items.

- (2)

Upon receipt of an incomplete application for a permit under this Chapter, the Office of Special Events shall act promptly to notify the applicant that the application is incomplete and what additional information is required to complete the application.

- (3) If an application for a permit under this Chapter is denied, the Office of Special Events shall provide the applicant with notice and written reasons for denial within five (5) business days of the denial by U.S. First Class mail, electronic mail or fax machine, to the name and address set forth on the application for the permit.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

#### Sec. 18B.07. - Appeal Procedure.

If an application for a permit under this Chapter is denied, the applicant, within five (5) business days of receipt of the notice of denial, may appeal the denial to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), or his/her designee, by filing a written notice with the Office of Special Events with a copy to the City Clerk. The CAO shall consider the appeal and shall render final decision in writing based upon the documents and circumstances presented within five (5) business days of receiving the appeal. Judicial review of any such final decision may be obtained by a writ of common law certiorari in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, filed within five (5) days of rendition of the final decision.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

#### Sec. 18B.08. - Alternative Permit.

The Manager of the Office of Special Events or his/her designee, in denying an application for a permit may, in the interest of traffic control and public safety, authorize the conduct of the assembly on a date, at a time, over a

route or in a location different from that named by the applicant. An applicant desiring to accept an alternative permit shall, within five (5) days after notice of the action of the Manager of the Office of Special Events or his/her designee, file a written notice of acceptance with the Office of Special Events. An alternative permit shall conform to the requirements of, and shall have the effect of, a permit under this chapter.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

#### Sec. 18B.09. - Notice to City Officials.

Immediately upon the issuance of a permit, the Special Events Office shall send a copy thereof to the following:

- (1) Mayor;
- (2) City Clerk;
- (3) Transportation Engineer;
- (4) Fire Chief;
- (5) Chief of Police;
- (6) Code Enforcement Division Manager;
- (7) Any other city official that the Special Events Office deems appropriate.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

#### Sec. 18B.10. - Contents of Permit.

Each permit shall state, at minimum, the following information:

- (1) Nature of the assembly.
- (2) Date of the assembly.

- (3) Starting time and termination time of the assembly.
- (4) The location of the assembly or the portions of the streets, parks or other public facilities to be traversed or occupied by the assembly.
- (5) The approximate number of persons, animals and/or motor vehicles that will participate in the assembly.
- (6) The approximate number of spectators who will be present at or near the assembly.
- (7) The restriction that the assembly be conducted in manner consistent with what was described in the approved permit application.
- (8) Such other restrictions as the Manager of the Special Events Office shall find reasonably necessary or appropriate for the security of life or health, provided however that that such additional restrictions shall not relate to or be based on the content of any speech.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

Sec. 18B.11. - Duties of Permittee.

- (1) A permittee hereunder shall comply with all permit directions and conditions, and with all applicable laws and ordinances.
- (2) Each event must have an onsite contact who shall be present and available during all phases of the event, including setup, event hours, and teardown. The onsite contact shall identify themselves as such to any City employee while such City employee is conducting their official or assigned duties.
- (3)

The onsite contact shall carry the permit upon his or her person, or have it available electronically, during the conduct of the assembly and shall display the permit upon demand to any City employee while they are conducting their official or assigned duties.

- (4) A permittee hereunder shall clean the public assembly area, including all closed streets, sidewalks, rights of way, hardscape and landscape areas, within four (4) hours of the end of the event, unless approved by the Manager of the Special Events Office. Cleaning shall be conducted in accordance with the City's guidelines. Failure to clean appropriately, or repair any damage to City property caused during the event, and any costs associated will be the full responsibility of the permittee. Failure to pay for damage or clean-up will result in denial of future permits until such fee is paid.
- (5) The permittee shall not dump or allow the dumping of grease from vendor carts or other food service equipment on any street, sidewalk, right-of-way, streetscape, or landscape area, including storm drains.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

#### Sec. 18B.12. - Public Conduct During Assemblies.

- (1) *Interference.* No person shall unreasonably hamper, obstruct or impede, or interfere with any duly licensed assembly, or with any person, vehicle, or animal participating or used in such assembly.
- (2) *Driving Through Parades.* No driver of any vehicle, unless specifically permitted by a law enforcement officer, traffic control specialist, or city traffic control personnel working the event in their

official capacity, shall drive between the vehicles of persons comprising a duly licensed parade when such vehicles or persons are in motion and are conspicuously designated as a parade.

(3) *Parking on Parade Route or in Area Near Assembly.* The City shall have the authority, when reasonably necessary, to prohibit or restrict the parking of vehicles along a highway or part thereof constituting a part of the route of a parade or an area needed for the safe and efficient flow of traffic to or from an assembly. The City shall post signs to such effect, and it shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave unattended any vehicle in violation thereof.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

#### Sec. 18B.13. - Revocation of Permit.

The Manager of the Special Events Office or the Chief of Police shall have the authority to revoke a permit issued hereunder instantly upon violation of any one or more of the conditions or standards for issuance as herein set forth or when a public emergency arises where the City or emergency resources required for that emergency are so great that deployment of such services for the assembly would have an immediate and adverse effect upon the welfare and safety of persons or property.

The Manager of the Special Events Office shall also have the authority to revoke a permit issued hereunder prior to the assembly with notice to the permittee if a change in circumstances has arisen since the permit was issued which, in conjunction with the conduct of the permitted assembly, is reasonably likely to substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of

vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the area of the assembly or cause an unresolvable conflict with construction or development in the area of the assembly.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

Sec. 18B.14. - Unlawful Discrimination Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any permittee, or any agent or employee of the permittee, either directly or indirectly:

- (1) To unlawfully discriminate against any natural person by refusing, withholding, or denying to such person any of the services, advantages, facilities or privileges offered or available to any other person attending the assembly, or by setting different rates or charges therefor, or by placing or attempting to place any such natural person in a separate and segregated section or area at the assembly.
- (2) To publish, circulate, display, post or mail any written or printed communication or notice to the effect that any of the services, advantages, facilities or privileges of the assembly will be refused, withheld or denied to any natural person on account of the person's race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, or sex, or that the person's attendance and presence at the assembly is unwelcome or objectionable, or that the person will be prohibited from mingling with other persons at the assembly because of the person's race, color, religion, national original, ancestry or sex.
- (3)

To aid, abet, incite or coerce the doing of any act declared herein to be unlawful, or to prevent or attempt to prevent any person from complying with the provisions of this section.

(Ord. No. 2025-31, § 4, 11-10-2025, Doc. #25111012a)

Sec. 18B.15. - Indemnification and Insurance.

- (1) *Indemnification.* The applicant and any other persons, organizations, firms or corporations on whose behalf the application is made, by filing a permit application shall represent, stipulate, contract and agree that they will jointly and severally indemnify and hold the City harmless against liability, including court costs and attorney's fees, and attorney's fees on appeal, for any and all claims for damage to property, or injury to, or death of persons arising out of or resulting from the issuance of the permit or the conduct of the assembly or any of its participants. No such indemnification agreement shall require that the applicant indemnify the City for damage, injury, or deaths that are caused the reactions of third parties to applicant's speech or expressive conduct or that of participants in the assembly unless said speech or expressive conduct constitutes either an incitement to imminent lawless action or fighting words. Nor shall any such indemnification agreement require that the applicant indemnify the City against meritorious claims stemming from a deprivation of the constitutional rights of any person by any City employee acting in their official capacity.
- (2) *Insurance.* Except for applicants who are City employees applying for permits for City-sponsored events, all applicants shall provide proof of insurance in the minimal coverage per City policy, and

which also provides confirmation indemnifying the City against liability as provided in section 18B.14(1) of this Code. Events with alcohol must provide host or liquor liability insurance based upon sale, service, or consumption.

(3) *Waiver of insurance requirement; appeal.* The insurance requirement shall be waived by the Manager of the Special Events Office, or his/her designee, if the activity proposed by the applicant involves (1) expressive speech protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, (2) will occur in a public forum, (3) does not include liability of property damage risk factors beyond those typically associated with the ordinary public use of the property, (4) the insurance requirement would be so financially burdensome that it would preclude the applicant from exercising First Amendment rights, and (5) adequate alternate channels of expression are not available. Within five (5) business days of receiving a request, the Manager of the Special Events Office, or his/her designee, shall render a written decision on whether the insurance requirement shall be waived and shall set forth the reasons for the decision. An applicant wishing to appeal the decision of the Manager of the Special Events Office may appeal the denial within five (5) business days of receipt of the notice of denial to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), or his/her designee, by filing a written notice with the Office of Special Events with a copy to the City Clerk. The CAO shall consider the appeal and shall render final decision in writing based upon the documents and circumstances presented within five (5) business days of receiving the appeal. Judicial review of any such final decision may be

obtained by a writ of common law certiorari in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, filed within five (5) days of rendition of the final decision.

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Sec. 18B.16. - Block Parties.

- (1) The Office of Special Events may issue a block party permit, at a fee established by Resolution of City Council, for a neighborhood block party when all of the following conditions are met:
  - (a) A written application for a block party permit is received by the Office of Special Events not less than fourteen (14) calendar days and not more than one calendar year prior to the event. All applications for block party permits shall be signed by the applicant under oath subject to the provisions of section 837.06 of the Florida Statutes.
  - (b) The event is closed to the general public.
  - (c) No commercial activity, sales, vending, or advertising of any kind is to be conducted on the public street, sidewalk or other right-of-way while the block party is in progress.
  - (d) No sound amplification equipment or devices are to be used without a separate permit issued pursuant to Chapter 42 of this Code.
  - (e) No admission fee is charged or solicited.
  - (f) No alcohol is permitted, served or consumed on the street, sidewalk, or other right of way.
  - (g) The street is classified as a local street by the City Transportation Engineer, the closing of which would not be detrimental to the safety of vehicular and/or pedestrian

movement as determined by the City Transportation Engineer.

- (h) The anticipated attendance of the block party shall not equal or exceed one hundred persons at any point in time.
  - (i) The block party shall begin no earlier than 10:00 a.m. and shall end no later than 10:00 p.m. the same day; except that a block party that begins on December 31 shall end no later than 1:00 a.m. on January 1.
  - (i) If the neighborhood where the block party is planned is governed by a mandatory homeowners association, the applicant for the permit may be the association, acting through its representative board of directors, or one (1) or more neighborhood residents. If the neighborhood is not governed by a mandatory homeowners association, the applicant shall be one (1) or more neighborhood residents. All applications shall be accompanied by a petition of nonobjection to the block party that has been signed by at least a majority of the persons residing in the homes on the local street where the block party is planned to take place.
  - (j) Notice is provided to persons residing within the impacted neighborhood. In determining whether to issue a block party permit, the Office of Special Events may take into consideration any objections to the block party raised by residents of the impacted neighborhood.
- (2) A block party shall be limited to an area which does not exceed one city block and must be conducted in fashion which allows for the ingress and egress to the impacted neighborhood by residents, visitors, and emergency services. The permittee shall control the parking of motor vehicles so as not to create a hazard or an unsafe

condition adjacent to or near the location of the block party, shall place cones, a movable barricade or the like at the site of the local street where the block party takes place, and shall ensure that no motor vehicles, inflatables, tents, canopies, banners, stages, and/or fixed barriers obstruct access to the street for a width of at least fourteen (14) feet, and a vertical distance of at least thirteen and one-half (13½) feet.

- (3) Block party permits shall not be issued for a particular road more than four times per calendar year.
- (4) Block party permits shall only be issued for neighborhood block parties occurring in areas zoned as residential codes R-1, R-1N, R-1A, R-1AA, R-2A, R-2B, R-3A, R-3B, R-3C and R-3D.
- (5) The Manager of the Special Events Office or the Chief of Police shall have the authority to suspend or revoke a block party permit issued hereunder instantly upon violation of any one or more of the conditions or standards for issuance as herein set forth.

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#### Sec. 18B.17. - Penalties.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to stage, present, or conduct any assembly or block party without first having obtained permits therefor as herein provided.
- (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly participate in an assembly or block party for which permits have not been granted.
- (3) It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of or responsible for the conduct of a duly licensed assembly or block party to knowingly fail to comply with any condition of a permit.

(4) Any person violating the provisions of any section of this chapter shall be subject to arrest and punishment as provided in Section 1.08 of this Code.

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