

SPECIAL EVENTS GUIDELINES

A Petitioner is required to obtain a Special Events Permit from the Detroit City Council to conduct any of the following event types in the public right – of – way or outdoors on private property:

- ❖ Bike Race and/or Ride
- ❖ Carnival
- ❖ Circus
- ❖ Concert
- ❖ Demonstrations
- ❖ Fireworks
- ❖ Marathon
- ❖ Outdoor Festival
- ❖ Performance
- ❖ Political Ceremony
- ❖ Rally
- ❖ Sports or Recreational Activity
- ❖ Street Fair
- ❖ Walkathon

Events that do not need to follow this process are: Residential Block Parties and Private Invitation Only events held **inside** a private facility.

Once the Event Type has been identified, the Petitioner must complete the Special Event Application in full and submit **60 DAYS** prior to the event. Applications **will not** be accepted by the Office of Special Events under 60 days, no exceptions.

Upon submittal, all City of Detroit Departments providing services and permits for the event will review the application. Petitioner will be contacted to present their event to the Special Events Management Group to review all aspects of their application and ensure adhere to each department's guidelines.

- ❖ **DO NOT ADVERTISE OR PUBLICIZE YOUR EVENT PRIOR TO APPROVAL FROM DETROIT CITY COUNCIL.**

Please be aware each facet of your event is subject to change based on Public Health and Safety standards by the City of Detroit in respect to availability of services and scheduling of other events. **ALL** applications are subject to denial, no exceptions.

Preparation

Large events are complex and may require supplemental applications and a detailed event plan.

1. Set your event dates
2. Check for conflicting dates
Call the Office of Special Events at (313)224-1606.
3. Know the event location and primary intersection
4. Review and complete the Special Event Application ([LINK](#))
5. Identify the additional supplemental forms required to obtain a permit for your event.
6. Attend your Special Events meeting to review your application

Inform Your Vendors

1. Inform your vendors and/or licensed contractors that they will have to obtain certain permits as specified on the Special Event Application.
2. You, your vendor or licensed contractor are responsible for obtaining these permits after your application is approved. These may include park permits, liquor licenses, temporary food permits, tent permits, generator permits, etc.
3. The list of all vendors that will be at the event should be submitted to the Office of Special Events.

What to Expect

1. The Office of Special Events will review your application in full to ensure it is complete.
2. You will receive an email and/or call with a meeting date for you to present your event before the Special Events Management Group. If you do not, call the Special Events Office at (313) 224-1606.
3. The Special Events Management Group will go over the details of your event on your meeting date and advise which permits will be required.
4. If there are no outstanding issues with your event, at the close of your meeting the Office of Special Events will request the City Clerk's office to submit your application to City Council for approval.
5. The Office of Special Events will let you know when your approved City Council Event Permit is ready for pick up. **Now you can advertise.**

Successful events are the result of advanced planning, effective communication and teamwork. Please review the "Frequently Asked Questions" for more information.