

Special Events Ordinance



Town of York, Maine

Date of Original Enactment: November 4, 2014

ENACTMENT BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY

Date of the vote to enact/amend this Ordinance: November 4, 2014.

Certified by the Town Clerk: Mary-Anne Spennow on 11/5/14
(signature) (date)

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enact regulations that restrict special events on public property, and to establish fees associated with such events.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

Applicant – The person or organization that proposes, applies for and is responsible for a special event.

Special Event – A temporary use or activity that occurs on any Town street, Town park or other Town-owned property that is outside the normal use of such, or that has impacts beyond the impacts associated with normal use. This includes but is not limited to parades, group walks, road races, fundraising walks, bicycle tours, motorcycle tours, block parties, swimming events, surfing events, festivals, fireworks, and bonfires.

SECTION 3: AUTHORIZATION TO ENACT REGULATIONS

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to enact regulations to limit and control special events. Before enacting new regulations or amending existing regulations, the Board of Selectmen shall post the proposed language a minimum of 7 days in advance of the date of the public hearing and shall conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony about the proposed action.

SECTION 4: FEES AND EXPENSES

4.1 Application Fee. Except as provided herein, the Applicant shall pay a non-refundable fee of \$25 at the time of application. When the applicant is the Town of York, the York School Department, or a non-profit organization with an address in York, the application fee shall not be required.

4.2 Reimbursement for Expenses. The regulation enacted by the Board of Selectmen may require reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Town and/or other public service organizations in supporting an event. This may include, but is not limited to, police, fire, and ambulance support.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of enactment by the voters.