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OUTDOOR EVENT & PARADE PERMIT APPLICATION

A \$55 Permit Fee must accompany all submitted applications.

Additional fees for city permits, services and use of property and streets may also be required.

Event permittees must comply with City of Waco Code of Ordinances. In accordance with Ordinance Sec. 13-484:

- No application for an event permit may be made earlier than three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to the parade or special event.
- For a First Amendment Parade or First Amendment Special Event the application must be filed no later than five (5) days before the event or parade.
- For expected attendance of 500 or less, the application must be filed no later than forty-five (45) days before the event.
- For expected attendance between five hundred and one (501) and four thousand, nine hundred, ninety-nine (4,999) people, the application must be filed no later than sixty (60) days before the event.
- For expected attendance of more than five thousand (5,000) people, the application must be filed no later than one hundred eighty (180) days before the event.

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Application Date:Name of Event:		
Organization Name:		
Tax Exempt: Yes O No Tax ID #:	Contact:	
Organization Billing Address:	City:State:ZIP:	
E-mail Address:	Cell Phone#:	
The person listed as the activity manager shall be the sole contact for the purpose of this application.		
ctivity Manager:Day-Of Event Phone#:		
E-mail Address:	Cell Phone#:	

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SECTION 2 – EVENT INFORMATION

TYPE OF EVENT (Please check all that apply):
Festival	Bike/Run/Walk
Concert	Recreational/Sporting
Parade	Private
Other (Please specify)	
DESCRIPTION OF EVENT (Please list all activ	vities that will be conducted as part of the event):
EVENT DATES & HOURS (Please list dates a	nd times for each day):
Event Date:	
Start of Event:	
End of Event:	
Set-Up Dates and Hours:	Removal Dates and Hours:
EVENT LOCATION:	
Please include any parks or any city property that required. Park rental fees and facility grounds fe	at may be impacted. A detailed map and site plan is ees will apply for approved events.
PROPOSED STREET CLOSURES (Include sta	art and end locations):
Please indicate all streets that may be impacted proposed closure must be submitted. All closure Control Plan.	or closed for the event. A detailed map of the es will require insurance and an approved Traffic

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EVENT ATTENDANCE (Please list attendance for each day of your event):

Attendance shall mean participants, spectators, speakers, performers, entertainers, exhibitors, or other persons at the event. For purposes of this article, attendance estimates by the applicant shall be accompanied by an affidavit (see pg 12) stating the basis of the estimate. For permit requirements, please reference City of Waco Ordinance 13-485

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Spectators / Participants: _		
Staff/Vendors/Volunteers: _ Please note that the attack	ned Attendance Affidavit must be signed a	nd completed.
PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN:		
Name of Lead Security Co	ntact:	Phone:

The applicant for an event is required to submit a public safety plan with the application. The applicant is required to provide and pay for law enforcement and emergency medical services, in accordance with City of Waco Ordinance 13-486. You may request a copy of the Public Safety Plan template or download a copy at www.waco-texas.com. The public safety plan shall contain the following:

- (1) Emergency services and fire safety plan;
- (2) Parking plan;
- (3) Police services plan;
- (4) Traffic control plan; and
- (5) Plan for water safety if boating and/or swimming is part of the event.

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SECTION 3 – EVENT DETAILS

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Alcohol Served or Sold	Generators / Light Towers	
Amplified Music	Event in City Park	
Tents / Canopies	Dumpsters	
Admission / Registration Fee \$	Lane or Street Closure	
Portable Restrooms	Inflatables / Bounce Houses	
Event on Public Property / Right of Way	Sales / Vending / Food Concession	
Temporary Fencing	Water / Electrical (*Limited Access)	
Event on Private Property	Shuttle / Event Transportation	
Staging / Scaffolding / Misc. Equipment		
Please list the outside companies/vendors that you are using for any of the checked boxes above. A complete list of vendors must be submitted at least 30 days prior to your event.		

SECTION 4 – APPLICATION GUIDELINES & CHECKLIST

Attachments required to be submitted with this application depending on the type of event.

SITE PLAN & LAYOUT MAPS

Applicants must submit scaled site drawings, logistical layout maps and race/run route. Maps must detail items such as electrical, street barricade, and traffic needs and the location of tents, generators, stages, booths, utility poles, stands, disbanding areas, signs, banners, vendors, portable restrooms, orientation of amplifiers and loudspeakers, lighting, disability access, and viewing stands.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS & STAGE REQUIREMENTS

Event applicants must include electrical needs and layouts as part of the overall site plan. Please note that electricity is not available in all event locations and is limited. Electrical systems may be subject to inspection. Notification must be given if staging will be built or placed on city property.

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ALCOHOL

The presence of alcohol at an event may impact the required number of law enforcement and medical staff, along with the requirements for insurance. No alcohol may be sold at any event unless the applicant receives an alcohol permit as required by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. If the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission otherwise requires a permit, e.g. when alcohol is made available only to paying guests or only to guests who bought a ticket to the event, then no alcohol may be served at the event unless the applicant receives an alcohol permit. Permits must be posted and visible to the public. Alcohol is not permitted in neighborhood and community center parks.

NOISE MITIGATION PLAN & AMPLIFIED MUSIC

A noise mitigation plan that addresses noise impacts on surrounding businesses and residences if amplified sound is to be utilized. Events must abide by City of Waco Noise Ordinance Chapter 17.

PARADE REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS

A parade shall mean an organized procession of people, traveling by whatever means, from one location to any other location on a street or other public right-of-way or anywhere else in the City in such a way as to impede the normal flow or regulation of pedestrian or vehicular traffic. For a parade, the application must include: The route to be traveled, including the exact street address of the starting point and the termination point of the proposed parade, or the street to be used for the activity; The location by streets of any assembly areas; The interval of space to be maintained between units of such parade or special event; A map reflecting the route.

Parade restrictions in regard to interference, driving through parades and parking along parade route are set forth in City of Waco Ordinance 13-496.

TRASH & CLEAN-UP PLANS

All events are required to provide a clean-up plan for city property. Limited event trashcans will be provided from the Parks and Recreation Department when available. Additional trash carts and roll-off containers are available through Solid Waste and may be required. Charges will apply. Recycling is encouraged, but not mandatory. The applicant agrees to bear all costs of clean up and restoration of the public property upon the conclusion of the event and to reimburse the City for costs related to any damage or use beyond normal wear and tear on the public property.

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Attachments required AFTER an application has been approved:

INSURANCE

Applicant shall assume full responsibility and liability for and indemnifies the City of Waco. Applicants are also required to submit an insurance policy listing the City of Waco as an additional insured at least 10 days prior to the event. Coverage must meet the minimum requirements set forth in City of Waco Ordinance 13-489. A copy of the requirements is included in the permit packet.

RESTROOMS

Events need to provide an adequate number of restrooms, including mobility impaired accessible units at the event holder's expense. A confirmation of your order, including delivery dates, times and pick-up must be submitted to our office. All events that provide portable toilets must indicate on the special event site plan the exact location where the portable restroom(s) shall be placed.

SECURITY & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Event holder is required to provide law enforcement officers for security, crowd control and traffic control at the event or parade. Emergency medical personnel are also required at events. The total number of officers working at the event/parade is determined by the City of Waco Event Manager, Waco Police Department, Waco Fire Department, including Emergency Management, and Waco Public Works Department. Any fees for law enforcement and emergency services will be at the event holder's expense. For a chart listing required numbers, please visit www.waco-texas.com or reference City of Waco Ordinance 13-486.

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FIRE MARSHAL SPECIAL ASSEMBLY & TENT PERMITS

Events may be required to obtain a Special Assembly Permit from the City of Waco Fire Marshal. Additionally, any event with tents larger than 400 square feet shall be required to obtain a Tent Permit. If you are placing tents on City property or City streets, staking may not be allowed and water barrels must be used. It is the events responsibility to have barrels filled with water. All events must call 1-800-DIG-TESS (at least 72 hours prior to event set-up) before any staking will be approved.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- (a) No later than fifteen (15) days before the special event or parade, the applicant shall provide written notice, at applicant's expense, to all owners of property, as shown by the current tax roll, along all the block faces of the special event or parade. Notice shall also be sent to the outdoor events manager. Notice shall include the special event or parade hours, location or route, date, and street closures. Notice may be provided by U.S. mail, electronic mail, or door hangers.
- (b) The applicant shall file an affidavit with the outdoor events manager within ten (10) days of the event showing that notice has been provided as required above. Submittal of the affidavit to the outdoor events manager shall be proof of notification required in this article, and the outdoor events manager shall not be responsible for verifying the information submitted by the applicant. (See pg 13)
- (c) At the request of the outdoor events manager, any questions or concerns from residents, business or property owners shall be addressed by the applicant prior to issuance of a permit.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & FOOD PERMITS

It will be the responsibility of the applicant to contact the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District to obtain necessary permits and information on proper dispensing and handling procedures for any food that is being provided or served at the event.

RIGHT-OF-WAY RESTRICTIONS

No tent or structure may be placed on the non-paved portion of the public right-of-way that is adjacent to private property without the permission of the owner or occupant of the private property.

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SECTION 5 – USER AGREEMENT (Must be Signed)

Event applicants shall enter into a user agreement with the City prior to the event:

- 1. **Compliance.** All applicants must comply with the terms set forth in City of Waco Ordinance Article XIV Outdoor Events and Parades.
- 2. Agreement. The applicant agrees to bear all costs of clean up and restoration of the public property upon the conclusion of the event and to reimburse the City for costs related to any damage or use beyond normal wear and tear on the public property. The user agreement shall require the applicant to provide full reimbursement to the City within sixty (60) calendar days of the conclusion of the permitted event.
- Indemnification. Applicant shall assume full responsibility and liability for and indemnifies, defends and holds the City harmless against: All liability, claims for damages and suits for or by reason of any injury to any person, including death, and damage to any property for every cause in any way connected with the holding of the event, including the preparation, set-up, teardown and cleanup; and All expenses incurred by the City for public safety, sanitation and transportation personnel and resources required to preserve public order and protect public health, safety and welfare, together with any other expenses or costs that may be incurred by the City as a result of the event. The applicant shall indemnify the City against all charges, expenses and costs, including the City's legal department services incurred on account of or by reason of any such injuries, damages, liability, claims, suits or losses and all damages growing out of the same.
- 4. **Insurance:** An applicant must provide to the outdoor events manager, a certificate of general liability insurance at least 10 days before the event.
 - a. Be effective for the entirety of the event;
 - b. Be issued by a company authorized to conduct business in the state of Texas;
 - c. Name the City of Waco, its officers, officials, volunteers, and employees as additional named insureds (except for Workers' Compensation Coverage); and
 - d. Shall not be subject to subrogation under any circumstances against the City of Waco, its officers, officials, volunteers, and employees.

All required insurance must be in the following amounts:

Туре	Amount
Workers' Compensation (If the applicant has no employees, this requirement may be waived by the outdoor events manager upon receipt of an affidavit to that effect.)	Statutory

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Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000
General Liability a. Contractual Liability b. Injury Liability	Bodily Injury \$250,000.00 per occurrence; \$500,000.00 aggregate Property Damage \$100,000.00 per occurrence; \$100,000.00 aggregate
Automobile Liability a. Owned/leased vehicles b. Non-owned vehicles c. Hired vehicles	Bodily Injury \$250,000.00 per occurrence; \$500,000.00 aggregate Property Damage \$100,000.00 per occurrence; \$100,000.00 aggregate
Liquor Liability a. When alcohol is to be sold b. In addition to the general liability	\$1,000,000
Additional General Liability a. When fireworks or other special effects are displayed b. Provided by the pyrotechnics company	Not less than \$3,000,000 for each claim

- The outdoor events manager may require additional insurance for a special event if such additional insurance is recommended by the City's risk manager as being necessary for the protection of the City or the public health, safety, and welfare.
- Federal, state and local government agencies may submit a statement of self-insurance which shall be acceptable in place of insurance requirements of this section.
- 5. **Readily Accessible.** The applicant must obtain and have the permit, and all other required permits and approvals (such as the Public Safety Plan and Traffic Control Plan), if any, present at the event during the entire duration of the event, including but not limited to set- up, teardown and clean up. Failure to abide by this provision may result in the revocation of the event permit.
- 6. **Authorization.** The event is authorized to occupy only the area(s) noted on the permit. You may not occupy or block access to additional city property (sidewalks, parking lots, rights of way, etc.) or private property without permission.

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- 7. **Approval.** After consideration of the application and other information as may be otherwise required, an event application will be approved and a permit issued if, upon review, the outdoor events manager finds that:
 - a. The application contains all of the information required by Section 13-484;
 - b. The application fee has been paid;
 - c. The user agreement has been executed;
 - d. The applicant has complied with the requirements of this article;
 - e. The event complies with the provisions of this article and all other laws;
 - f. The event does not:
 - Conflict with an event for which a prior application for a permit for the same time and place has been received and the permit has been or will be granted and the applicant did not accept alternative dates, times and location offered by the outdoor events manager;
 - Conflict with previously planned programs conducted by the City at the same time and place as determined by the outdoor events manager;
 - Present an unreasonable danger to the health or safety of the applicant, participants, residents, or visitors to the City;
 - Interfere with proper fire and police protection or ambulance service to the area contiguous to the event and alternative means of service acceptable to the City is not available;
 - Place such a burden on the police, fire or emergency services that they
 would be unable to provide normal services to the remainder of the City; or
 - Substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic near the event location or route;
 - g. There will be adequate sanitation and other required health facilities made available in or adjacent to the event.
 - h. The event is not being conducted for an unlawful purpose.
- 8. **Public Safety.** Law enforcement and emergency medical services may be required for your event in accordance with City of Waco Ordinance 13-486. The applicant is required to provide and pay for any law enforcement officer, firefighter, lifeguard, or other personnel needed for the event. Such payment shall be made directly to the personnel that are not on-duty for the City of Waco on or before the day of the special event or parade.
 - a. In addition, if the requirements set forth in the Public Safety Plan are not met and executed, or the applicant does not comply in a timely manner, the City may either cancel the event or provide the necessary services and will include the full cost of providing these services in a supplemental services fee.
- 9. **Falsification.** A person commits an offense if he or she commences or conducts an event: Without a permit; Knowingly makes a false statement in connection with an application; or In violation of any provision of a permit, this article, additional rules or regulations as

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promulgated by the city manager or any other City ordinance or applicable law. A person who violates a provision of this article or a requirement of a permit is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed or continued. Each offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed:

- a. Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for a violation of a provision of this article or a requirement of a permit governing fire safety, zoning or public health and sanitation, including dumping or refuse; or
- b. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for all other violations of this article or requirements of a permit.

I have read and understand the rules, regulations, terms and conditions listed above and will abide by all requirements.

Authorized Signature		Title	
Printed Name		Date	
Office Use Only			
Application received:	eived:Reviewed by:		
Routed to: PW PD	FD OEM	RM	
Pre-event Meeting:	Approved D	enied Permit#	
Comments:			

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City of Waco Ordinance 13-485. – Projected Attendance Estimate. (***Due upon submission of application***)

For purposes of this article, attendance estimates by the applicant shall be accompanied by an affidavit stating the basis of the estimate. Each estimate shall be based upon all the relevant factors known at the time, including, without limitation, past attendance at similar functions having the same and similar performers, both in the City and comparable communities, the price of admission, if applicable, and the extent of advertising and promotion planned. The City may accept the applicant's affidavit if it appears to be based on realistic and appropriate information. If the City rejects the attendance estimates, the City shall substitute a reasonably determined estimate for the applicant and the applicant shall be responsible for all attendant costs and requirements associated with the revised estimate. If, for unforeseen reasons, an estimate did not in fact reflect the actual and necessary resources for the event, the City may seek cost recovery from the applicant as determined by the City.

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City of Waco Ordinance 13-487. - Notification Requirements.

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- a. **No later than fifteen (15) days before the special event or parade**, the applicant shall provide written notice, at applicant's expense, to all owners of property, as shown by the current tax roll, along all the block faces of the special event or parade. Notice shall also be sent to the outdoor events manager. Notice shall include the special event or parade hours, location or route, date, and street closures. Notice may be provided by U.S. mail, electronic mail, or door hangers.
- b. The applicant shall file an affidavit with the outdoor events manager within ten (10) days of the event showing that notice has been provided as required above. Submittal of the affidavit to the outdoor events manager shall be proof of notification required in this article, and the outdoor events manager shall not be responsible for verifying the information submitted by the applicant.
- c. At the request of the outdoor events manager, any questions or concerns from residents, business or property owners shall be addressed by the applicant prior to issuance of a permit.

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My legal name is	and I a	m representing
I am presently years old ar	nd my current plac	ce of residence is
	(Applicant	t / Event Organizer) has notified all owners
of property, as shown by the cur	rent tax roll, alonເ	g all the block faces of the special event or
parade that is set to take place o	on	(Date).
·		e best of my knowledge. I also confirm that te, and relevant has not been omitted.
Signature of Applicant		Date
	Public Notary _	
	Title	Date
	Acknowledged/	'Attest

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