

CHAPTER 6 - SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTICLE 1 - SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS

SECTION 6.1 - Definitions

A “special event” is an activity sponsored by one or more organizations, individuals, or other entities, held in the public right-of-way in the Town of Harmony.

SECTION 6.2 - Purpose and Intent

A. The purpose of the ordinance is to insure the comfort, safety and general welfare of the Town citizens by controlling the number of special events and impacts of such events on the community and by providing a simplified permit process.

B. The intent of this ordinance is to protect the residents from excessive noise, traffic and other intrusions upon their privacy.

SECTION 6.3 - Special Events Permit

All special events held in the public right-of-way shall obtain a special event permit. Activities include, but are not limited to; processions such as; walks, road races, bicycle rides, skate-a-thons, parades, and similar activities.

SECTION 6.4 - Application Submittal Requirements

The following items and information shall be submitted to the Town Clerk

- Complete application (application form supplied by the Town) submitted to the Town at least one month prior to the event
- Detailed description of the event
- Contact person available prior to and during the event
- Application fee (as set by resolution of the Town Board)
- The anticipated number of attendees and number of vehicle trips per day
- An on-and off-site parking plan

SECTION 6.5 - Permit Issuance

A. The mayor or designee may issue a special event permit when in the opinion of the Town Board or designee the event meets all of the requirements of this ordinance. The mayor or designee shall issue or deny a special event permit within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a completed application. If the event will not be in conformance with this ordinance the application shall be denied.

B. If a special event permit is issued by the mayor or designee, such official may impose any reasonable conditions to insure the event will have a minimal impact on the community. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, any of the following;

1. Adequate arrangements to prevent:
 - Violation of Chapter 11 Section 11.45 & 11.46 Noise Control
 - Violation of Chapter 11 Article 2 Nuisance Abatement
 - Amplified sound
 - Violation of any traffic laws
 - Violation of any other section of this ordinance
2. Signs on public property shall be kept to a minimum and shall not be displayed for longer than one hour prior to or after the end of the event
3. Other materials or mitigation measures deemed necessary by the Town Board.

SECTION 6.6 - Permit Revocation

A special event permit may be revoked by the mayor or his or her designee in the event of any violation of any condition of the special events permit.

SECTION 6.7 - Violation as a Public Nuisance

Each violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor and shall constitute a public nuisance and be subject to abatement as such.