

TRN-10.06 - Street Closure Permits for Community Events and Block Parties

STREET CLOSURE PERMITS FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND BLOCK PARTIES

Administrative Rule Adopted by Bureau of Transportation Engineering Pursuant to Rule-Making Authority

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I. Introduction

The City of Portland Office of Transportation issues permits to close the street for community events within the public right-of-way. Permits are issued for three types of community events: block parties, minor community events and major community events. There are no permit fees for community event street closure permits.

II. Definitions

Block parties are the simplest type of a community event. These events typically close no more than one block of a local service residential street for small-scale parties such as neighborhood potluck dinners and barbecues. They are usually held on weekends or holidays. Block parties are initiated by a local neighborhood group who makes application through their Local District Neighborhood Coalition.

Minor community events are larger events that include more than just the residents living in the immediate vicinity of the closure area. These events may close more than one block for street dances, fairs, or other neighborhood-wide events. Minor community events are initiated by a sponsoring individual or an organization that makes application directly to the City of Portland Office of Transportation, Street Systems Management.

Major community events are events that anticipate attendance from throughout the metropolitan area. This type of event allows closure of more than one block, closure for more than one day and may also include the use of a major street. Major community events are initiated by a sponsoring individuals or organizations that make application directly to the City of Portland Office of Transportation, Street Systems Management.

An event is automatically considered a major community event if any alcoholic product is to be available for consumption in the public-right-of-way. Major community events in which alcoholic beverages are available require an ordinance from City Council and a fee is charged for processing the ordinance through City Council.

III. Administrative Rule

Block Party

Block Party applications (PDF document, 177kb) are made through the Local District Neighborhood Coalition. To obtain an application, contact The Office of Neighborhood Involvement at 503.823.4519 to find out your Local District Neighborhood Coalition or Portland's Office of Transportation, Street Systems Management at 503.823.5185 and ask to speak with the technician that issues block party permits.

Minor and Major Community Events

Applications (PDF document, 600 kb) may be obtained at 1900 SW 4th Avenue, first floor at the brochure counter or obtained by calling 503.823.7073 and ask to speak with the technician that issues community event permits.

IV. Reference

Title 17, Chapter 17.44.020

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