

City of Elizabethtown Special Event Packet & Planning Policy



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1. Special/Organized Event:

A special/organized event is defined as a pre-planned event, whether publicly and/or privately sponsored where the public is invited and is proposed to be held on publicly owned, leased, or controlled property, including but not limited to parks, streets, parking lots, sidewalks or other public spaces. Sidewalk sales in front of existing businesses that do not interfere with foot or vehicular traffic are not being referenced in this document. First year events will not be granted access to closing City or federally owned streets until street closures are deemed necessary. All special events and Event Organizers are required to file an Event Permit Application with the City of Elizabethtown Events Program Manager at Elizabethtown. Office location is at the Historic State Theater, 209 West Dixie Avenue. Any additional permits within the City will be coordinated after the application has been received. In some cases, applicants will work directly with Elizabethtown Police Department.

a. Terms and Definitions:

Event Organizer

The Event Organizer, as referred to in this document, is the responsible party and main point of contact for the submitted event. The Event Organizer will be held responsible for submitting all required documentation and adhering to guidelines and requests set by the City Events Program Manager. They are also the day of contact and must provide cell phone number for all City staff working the event or involved in any manner and be available to City staff at any point in time during the event hours and closures.

Festival/Public Gathering

Festival/public gathering means any organized assembly, demonstration, gala, ceremony, festival, celebration, or other gathering of persons on a specified date(s) upon public right-of-way (street, sidewalk, alley, easement, etc.), public property, park space, or combination.

Procession/Parade

Procession or parade means a public or private march, walk, auto-cade, demonstration of any kind, or any other gathering of persons that occurs on public right-of-way (street, sidewalk, easement, etc.), in a park, or such sites which are normally used for public access. **ONLY GOVERNMENT SPONSORED PROCESSION/PARADES ARE PERMITTED PERSUANT TO CITY APPROVED POLICY.**

2. Requirements on behalf of Event Organizers:

- a. First year events will likely not be approved to shut down major roadways and/or federal highways to disrupt traffic. Until the event has proven the need for major street shut downs for safety of patrons, events will need to be held on private property or approved for a potential City parking lot or City streets.

- b. The applicant **must procure and maintain at its expense commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000** per event. Proof of insurance, along with a certificate naming the *City of Elizabethtown* as additional insured, is required for any event on City of Elizabethtown public property, right-of-way or City Park and must be submitted to the Events Program Manager along with the application. The policy must cover the entire length of the event from load- in/set-up through the load-out/break-down of the event.
- c. Each **vendor serving food**, or providing services that are potentially hazardous/dangerous in nature, must provide the City with proof of liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 in coverage AND list the City of Elizabethtown as additional insured. Examples include: selling of food, pyrotechnics, amusement rides, hot air balloons, inflatable games, motorsports, or operating equipment that patrons, visitors, guests or event attendees could cause themselves or others personal injury or property damage. The coverage for each vendor must be submitted at a minimum of 30 days prior to first day of the event. The coverage must be submitted along with the application. Do not submit separately. Application will not be considered by the Events Program Manager unless each vendor's proof of insurance has been received with the application.
- d. If there is a request for alcohol to be served/sold/consumed, contact Events Program Manager immediately. If approved, Event Organizer will be required to pay on-duty police officers for the entire event alcohol will be served. The number of officers will be determined by the police department personnel. Cost per officer is \$50 per hour. Please note that all requests for alcohol must be made to the City of Elizabethtown ABC Officer with notifications of points of sale/distribution and consumption areas and must be held within approved policy areas per City Council approved mapping.
- e. The City of Elizabethtown reserves the right to require insurance of applicant/event producer for activities other than those specifically mentioned above, or to increase the minimum acceptable limits of liability with reasonable notice to the applicant/event producer.
- f. Each vendor must provide a copy of a City of Elizabethtown **Business License**. This can be obtained by visiting Elizabethtown City Hall Tax Office, 200 West Dixie Avenue, (first floor, second window) during business hours which are Monday-Thursday 8:00a-5:00p and Friday 8:00a-4:30p or by calling (270)763-4209.
- g. The applicant must provide an entire event layout including booths, vendors, and all activities at time of applying and list of vendors.

- h. The applicant must submit a separate map showing only street closures with the application.
- i. The applicant must **retrieve a signature of each business** or owner of property that will be affected by any closure indicating specific approval. By “affected” this means their normal parking for owners, employees, patrons or customers and/or disruption to business of any kind. For a list of businesses, contact the City Events Program Manager.
- j. The event **must be open to the public** and equally accessible to all visitors and citizens of Elizabethtown.
- k. The event and event applicant must be in good standing with the City (both financially and by following policy and procedures with previous events).

3. Process:

- a. Event Organizer submits completed *Street Closure Permit Application* with all required support documentation (see checklist) to the City of Elizabethtown Events Program Manager no less than 90 days prior to the first day of the event.
- b. Application is reviewed for any missing documentation by the City Events Program Manager.
- c. The City Events Program Manager sends application to necessary departments such as Police, Public Works, and Fire (others may be necessary depending upon street closures requested) for review.
- d. The City Events Program Manager will communicate with the Event Organizer regarding questions, issues with applications, or other additional information to fully process the application.
- e. After the application has been approved (within 30-45 days of submission) by the necessary City Departments, the City Events Program Manager will contact the Police Department for street permit and Mayor’s Office for the approval letter. After the permit and letter are received by the Event Organization, it is the Event Organizer’s responsibility to contact the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway Department (if applicable) to submit the application to receive a State Highway permit. A copy of the State permit must be sent to the City Event Program Manager no less than 30 days prior to the event.

4. State or Federal Street Closure:

a. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet permits require that traffic control be provided which complies with the State and Federal standards or is under the direction of the Police Department. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet permits will be based upon one of the following conditions:

- The Elizabethtown Police Department will be responsible for traffic control during the entirety of the event. The Public Works Department will be in control of shutting down streets in coordination with police efforts. **However, it is your responsibility and requirement to notify the Hardin County Emergency Services of your street closure at least two weeks prior to the event.**
- The Event Organizers will work directly with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to hire a 3rd party for all traffic control, barricades, signage, or other required devices. The City will be required to provide the State with a letter stating that the City is aware of the street closure, but will not be responsible for traffic control. The two private companies that are approved by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for such services are:

Highway Safety Services
480 Roberts Avenue
Louisville, KY
(502) 366-5602

Saf-Ti-Co
2400 Millers Lane
Louisville, KY
(502) 772-2511

b. Each City department will play a significant role in developing the following requirements per closure:

- If the City will be providing Police staffing and Public Works assistance (i.e. barricades, staffing, other traffic control measures/devices) or other City personnel is required, then fees as outlined below will be charged. The Event Organizer will receive an estimate for potential charges and 25% of estimate will be required to finalize the approval.
- Rates:
 - Police Officers – \$50.00 per hour per officer
 - Public Works/City Personnel – \$40.00 per hour per employee

5. City Street Closure:

In the case of street closures that are not State or Federally owned and operated, the Event Organizer must fill out required paperwork directly with the Police Department. The City Events Program Manager will send point of contact information after all necessary Department approvals have been acquired.

6. Carnival Rides/Inflatables:

a. Carnival rides licensed by the State Department of Agriculture, Office of Regulations are allowed for events. However, Event Organizers are required to provide the City a copy of the operator's commercial general liability insurance of \$1,000,000 policy which must list the City of Elizabethtown as additional insured for the length of the event including set-up and load-out.

b. For further information regarding licensing for carnival ride operators:

Kentucky Department of Agriculture
Division of Regulations and Inspections
Attention: Branch Manager of Amusement Rides and Attraction
107 Corporate Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601
502-573-0282

7. Occupational/Business License Ordinance:

According to the Elizabethtown Occupational License Ordinance requires any person, firm, business entity, non-profit organization or corporation engaging in the business of selling a product within the City limits, to obtain a Business License from the Tax Office located at City Hall before operation is permitted. All food vendors must have a Food Vending Business License to operate within City limits and be placed on City property. To obtain an application and/or license, call the Tax Office at 270-763-4209. Each license must be posted during operational hours of the entire event.

8. Electrical:

The existing electrical service on City owned property may be utilized for the event. However, contact with City Events Program Manager must be made for more information on availability and permission. Event Organizer and/or vendors may not tamper with any electrical services on City property or public right-of-ways.

9. Emergency Medical Personnel:

a. It is ultimately the Event Organizer's responsibility to ensure the safety of all participants and spectators of the proposed event. The Event Organizer is responsible for securing medical personnel through the Hardin County Emergency Services (EMS) if required.

- b. EMS will determine if and how many medical personnel will be required for the event. There may be separate costs for this service organized and coordinated by the EMS. For more information or to contact EMS:

Hardin County Emergency Services
170 North Provident Way
Elizabethtown, KY 42701
270-769-3014

- c. If there is a street closure permit received, Event Organizers ARE REQUIRED to notify EMS and 911 services at least one week prior to street closure.

10. Portable Restrooms:

- a. It is the Event Organizer’s responsibility to coordinate any and all portable restrooms.
- b. If the portable restrooms will be located on private property, it is the Event Organizer’s responsibility to contact that property owner for permission of placement.
- c. Portable restrooms that will be delivered onto City property during business hours where placement could disrupt business must be approved by the City Events Program Manager.

11. Rentals:

City Bleachers: (if available)	\$25 per set (must be delivered between hours of 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday)
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Trash Receptacles	*If over the permitted 24 (see Waste Management, Page 9) ask Events Program Manager for pricing
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12. City Property:

If any barricades, cones, bleachers or City property are damaged during the event, the hosting organization will be held responsible for all costs related to damages or replacements based on an invoice provided to the Event Organizer by the City.

12. Tents/Temporary Structures:

All tents that are larger than a 20 ft. x 20 ft. must be permitted through the City of Elizabethtown Department of Planning and Development. There are no exceptions as this is a State requirement. Permit fees will vary depending upon the event. Please contact Jeff Camp, Chief Building Official at 270-765-6121 for permit information.

13. Waste Management:

- a. City of Elizabethtown offers the use of City owned trash receptacles (no more than 24) at no charge to the Event Organizer as long as the delivery of cans is during normal business hours 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- b. Event Organizers are required to place (private or City) receptacles where needed, but they must be out of the way of traffic or parking spaces at the close of the event.
- c. Event Organizers are required to rent their own dumpsters when required and must be given approval by City Events Program Manager as to the location. If the location is on private property, the Event Organizers must obtain permission from property owner.
- d. Each individual event and vendor is required to clean up all litter and debris before the roads re-open and/or after event closure. Vendors are responsible for their own garbage disposal. If using City trash receptacles, place all trash in those receptacles (without overflowing) and City staff will dispose of all materials in the receptacle as long as they are tied and secure. Make sure all bags are tied and secure before pick-up.
- e. If the Event Organizer requests the City of Elizabethtown to maintain trash pick-up, the fees will be based upon the \$40 hourly rate for City staff plus any additional costs. The additional costs may include, golf cart rental(s) for pick-up depending upon size of area, compactor truck and operator for compactor truck. Additionally, the fee to unload the waste is \$28.25 per ton. This is not eligible for the 50% discounted rate as this is billed to the City.

As an Event Organizer and Reponsible Party for the _____

I agree to all requirements set forth by the City of Elizabethtown and in this document.

Event Organizer/Responsible Party

Date

Print Name and Title

CHECKLIST:

- Street Closure Permit Application;
- Map of event layout;
- Signatures from affected businesses per street closure (if applicable);
- Copy of liability insurance (for sponsoring organization) listing City of Elizabethtown, 200 West Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, KY 42701 as additionally insured;
- Vendor's proof of insurance listing the City of Elizabethtown, 200 West Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, KY 42701 as additionally insured as described on page three, section 2; b. Must be submitted to Events Program Manager no later than 30 days prior to event;
- Copy of Business License (or list of names that Events Program Manager can check with City personnel to confirm) for each vendor as described on page seven, section seven. Must be submitted to Events Program Manager no later than 30 days prior to event.
- Notify Hardin County Emergency Services of your street closure(s) at least two weeks prior to the event. This includes ALL streets Federal and/or City owned.