

SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS INFORMATION PAMPHLET

For use of city parks, beaches, streets, parking lots or other public facilities for events or festivals a City of South Haven Special Events & Festivals Application must be completed and sent to the Parks and Recreation Supervisor, City of South Haven, 1199 8th Ave, South Haven, Michigan, 49090. This form is available at the City Hall and Department of Public Works Customer Service Desks and on the city's website; www.south-haven.com. It is important that the organization complete the form with as much detail as possible regarding specific requests and the event. This pamphlet provides you with information regarding City services, requirements, regulations and policies. A complete copy of city ordinances can also be found on the City's website. Prior to submitting your request, please read this pamphlet thoroughly. This pamphlet was developed to help you organize a successful event in South Haven.

SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS APPROVAL PROCEDURE

When you submit the Special Events & Festivals Application to the Parks and Recreation Supervisor to sponsor a special event, the form is distributed to the appropriate City departments for their initial review, recommendations and approval. If your event or festival is expecting less than 500 participants, does not require a variance to the Municipal Code, and does not exceed 10:00 P.M. the requests will be submitted to the City Manager for approval. If your event or festival is expected to have 500 or more in attendance, a request has been made for a variance of the Municipal Code, or the event exceeds 10:00 P.M. then the requests will be submitted to the City Council. You will receive a notice from the Parks and Recreation Supervisor notifying you of the approved/denied request.

Completed applications must be turned into the Parks and Recreation Supervisor's office at least 21 business days prior to the start of the event. It is recommended that requests be made at least 90 days in advance (for larger events and festivals that attract over 500 people, it is recommended to submit your requests at least 120 days in advance) to assure proper approval. Any changes or additions to the special event/festival after being approved must be submitted in writing.

CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN POLICIES & REGULATIONS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS

The City of South Haven recognizes the importance of special events within the community. These special events are acknowledged as providing additional economic impact to the area's businesses and helping to develop community pride, commitment, and involvement. The primary concern during an event is Public Safety. In the event of inclement weather the City of South Haven, has the right to cancel or postpone any special event, this includes the City Manager, Police Chief or his designee and Fire Chief or his designee. While the City of South Haven is supportive of these special events, certain guidelines must be enforced to insure that the festival or special event runs as smooth as possible:

- The City may request that dates or times of special events be changed to facilitate coordination of City services. If changes are required, the sponsoring organization will be notified well in advance.
- Whenever possible, organizations will be encouraged to hold special events in City parks rather than on streets to minimize the need for additional Public Safety support to assist with traffic control. When the use of streets is required, every effort will be made to schedule events in such a manner so as to avoid the need for additional Public Safety support.
- Event organizers will be encouraged to use volunteers whenever possible to assist with logistics so as to reduce the need for additional City personnel.
- In some cases, where there are extraordinary costs incurred by the City, or the organization does not clean up the sites used or where severe damage to City property may incur, the organization may be required to reimburse the City for the additional costs that may incur as a result.

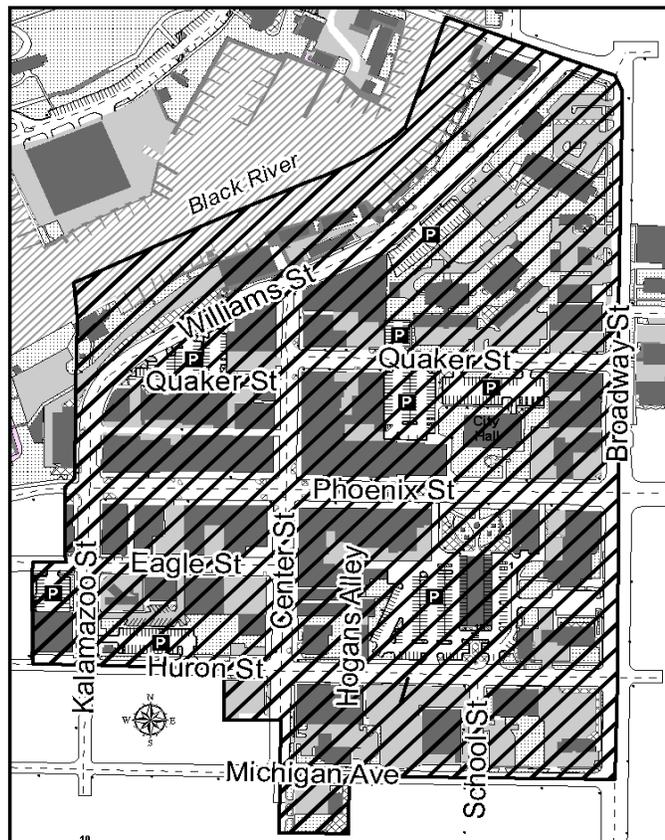
- POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION: The Police and Fire Departments need to know specifically what you are planning for your special event. They will need to know the type of event and time the programs will be held, the anticipated number of people expected for the event, and any special requirements you may have. Any additional costs to the City will be the organizer's responsibility.
- INSURANCE COVERAGE: The city requires proof of insurance (\$1,000,000) naming the City as "additionally insured".
- NOISE: If your event will have amplified noise you will need to indicate the date and time this noise will be made on Special Events & Festivals Form. **All noise must stay with in the city's noise ordinance. Noise Ordinance Sec. 30-28. City Noise Ordinance will be enforced.** If you have any questions about the noise ordinance please contact the local police department 269-637-5151. Noise must end by Midnight.
- SANITARY FACILITIES: Restroom facilities may be required by the local health department. Should any additional facilities be required, City personnel will determine where those facilities will be placed. The organization holding the special event will be responsible for the additional facilities.
- STREET CLOSINGS: If you anticipate that your special event will necessitate the closing of public streets, merchants and other property owners in the area must be informed of your request prior to City Council approval. The closing of streets for festivals/special events can be costly and inconvenient for the surrounding merchants and property owners. If street closings are required, a request outlining specific streets and intersections with time of closings and reasons should be included in your initial request to the City. Maps are available at the City Hall Customer Service Desk and at the city's website; www.south-haven.com. The Sponsoring Organization is responsible for the closing and opening of the streets and monitoring of the barricades. Major streets may require Police or Street Department personnel to close and reopen the streets. If Business Route I-196 needs to be closed for the Parade you will need to contact Department of Public Works at 269-637-0737 to obtain a MDOT permit from MDOT for road closure. At least one month should be reserved for this application process.
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Consumption of alcoholic beverages within any public park, beach, or street is prohibited. Provisions must be made on private property for any "beer tent" or other event at which alcoholic beverages are planned. Remember that special liquor permits are required from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to hold any special event that has liquor for sale or tasting.
- STREET MARKING: Painting and marking on roads and sidewalks should be held to a minimum and paint specifically designed to wear away in a short period of time and approved by the city shall be used. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Supervisor for approved list.
- SIGNAGE: Prior to the event a list of all signage (example: sandwich boards, banners, etc.) and placement of the signage needs to be turned in to the city's Parks and Recreation Supervisor. Upon submission the signage requests will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Supervisor; additional approval may be required.
- PARADE: Candy or other items shall not be thrown from any moving object, vehicle or float.
- VEHICLES IN THE PARKS: Vehicles are allowed only on public access roads within City parks.

- **FLOWERBEDS:** When planning the locations of concessions, booths, and eating areas, every effort must be made to avoid placement near flowerbeds.
- **VENDORS/CONCESSIONS:** Any concession stand must meet the State and County Health Department requirements.

Festival Vendor: Operator of a removable stand or mobile vending cart licensed for a limited, specific period in association with a festival blanket vendor license. The removable stand or mobile vending cart may be left on the site for the duration of the license, and may be located on private property. The festival vendor shall be licensed by the festival organization which has been approved by the City Council to organize a special event with a blanket vendor license.

Festival/Event Blanket Vendor License Location: Vendor sites in an area approved under a Festival Blanket Vendor License for a specified period of time. The area in which may Vendors may operate is designated in a festival special event application. The City Council shall approve the special event and festival blanket vendor license by resolution. The festival organization approves vendors based upon their own criteria.

Vendors and General Merchandise Concessions will not be allowed in the Central Business District (CBD). The crossed out area on the following map gives the approximate area of the CBD.



- CLEAN-UP AND TRASH RECEPTACLES: All special events organizers are responsible for the removal of trash and debris caused by or related to the special event. Clean-up requirements could include the replacement of all trash receptacle liners and the removal of all debris and trash from the premises. For events attracting a large number of people, it is recommended that trash removal services be contracted with a private vendor.
- ELECTRICAL/WATER SYSTEMS: If you anticipate needing electric or water services for your event, you must contact the Public Works Director concerning your needs well in advance of your special event. The Public Works Director needs this information in order to insure proper utility extensions are made, if necessary. Four (4) month's advance notice is recommended for all events. The City's Electrical Inspector will be making inspections of all vendors using electric during events. A charge of \$10.00 per vendor will be billed to the Sponsoring Organization following the event. A manual of what the Electric Inspector will be looking for is available to you. Staff Recommends distributing the manual to vendors participating in your event.
- TENTS AND STRUCTURES: Be sure to specify any tents or structures that will be used for the special event. No stakes can be placed in the ground without the specific approval of the City to avoid damaging underground utilities, road and parking lot surfaces, or other infrastructure. Most damage done to the parks or roads during special events is due to staking of tents, etc. Your organization will be responsible for any damage done to the parks or streets during your special event. It's important that the special event organization has volunteers who monitor the event to insure that damage is kept at a minimum.
- LIGHTING: Any additional lighting for an event must be approved by City Council. If approved the event holder must ensure that the lighting will not shine on neighboring areas.
- EVENT CANCELLATION: The City reserves the right to cancel any event, when deemed necessary, due to security, safety, or weather-related hazards, or in the case of noncompliance with City requirements.

CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN PARK RULES

The following rules are adopted pursuant to the South Haven Municipal Code and the violation of these rules is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00, or ninety (90) days in jail, or both.

1. No open intoxicants allowed.
2. Motor vehicles permitted on paved roads, or designated areas only.
3. Sound producing equipment including, but not limited to, public address systems, radios, phonographs, musical instruments and other recording devices, shall not be operated on the premises of the assembly so as to be unreasonably loud or raucous, or so as to be a nuisance or disturbance to the peace and tranquility of the citizens of the city.
4. No person shall break, cut, mutilate, overturn, injure, remove or carry away any tree, shrub, flower, plant, stone, stonework, bench, chair, seat, bower, playground equipment, structure, or anything whatever in or from any park or street or avenue adjacent thereto.
5. No person shall permit any animal to run at large within the public parks, nor allow any dog therein except when led by a leash.
6. Acts causing a breach of peace are prohibited. You are subject to criminal prosecution and removal from the park for up to six months.