

# **City of Fremont**

# Park Special Event Permit Application Information

## **WELCOME**

We are happy you have chosen to plan a special event within the City of Fremont park system. The City of Fremont is proud to approve permits for a number of exciting special events each year, such as festivals, walkathons, and celebrations.

The Special Event permit process is governed by Chapter 12.20 of the Fremont Municipal Code, titled "Parks and Recreation Areas." In general, a permit is required to hold, conduct, participate in, attend or address any meeting, organized gathering or assemblage, group picnic, celebration, parade, service or exercise, of 25 or more persons, in any park or recreation area. A Facility Use Permit is required to use a room or building in a park or recreation area, and a Picnic Reservation is required to use a picnic area for an event not open to the public with anticipated attendance of fewer than 500 people. Otherwise, a Special Event Permit is required.

The following pages include the City of Fremont **Park Special Events Permit Application** and accompanying instructions developed to guide you through the process.

#### Special Event

Events that are open to the general public with an anticipated attendance of fewer than 500 people must submit a completed permit application no later than 30 calendar days before the actual event date. (Please read highlighted below.)

Events that are open to the general public with an anticipated attendance of more than 500 people must submit a completed permit application **no later than 90 calendar days before the actual event date.** (Please read highlighted below.)

Applications for 1st time events should be submitted to us at <u>least 6 months before</u> the event date. The City reserves the right to deny a 1st time application, if submitted after the 6-month deadline.

#### **Permit Process**

The permit application process begins when you submit a completed Special Event Permit Application. Keep in mind that acceptance of your application should, in no way, be considered as final approval or confirmation of your request.

Upon receipt of your application, the Central Park Supervisor will guide you through the permit process. The Central Park Supervisor will forward your application to all City departments affected by your proposed special event. During the review process you will be notified if your event requires additional information, permits, or licenses. You will be allowed time to provide us with all pending documents. Delays in providing these items often delay our ability to finish our review and issue a Park Special Event Permit for your event.

You may be contacted by representatives of other City departments if there are specific questions or concerns about your event. Depending on the total impact to City services, a department group meeting may be scheduled to clarify questions and concerns.

## **Other Permits**

While we have tried to make this process a "one-stop" process, it is your responsibility to contact additional agencies (federal, state, or county) for other relevant permits.

#### Special Event Season(s)

Special events are allowed in City parks only during the following special event seasons:

Central and Community Parks: October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> Historic Parks: April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>

## **Permit Approval**

Applications/Permits are approved on a **first-come**, **first-served** basis and are accepted up to one (1) year in advance. No reservations will be approved without applicable insurance, fees and deposits. Final approvals are authorized by the Central Park Supervisor. No oral agreements for use of facilities or picnic sites are accepted or binding. Applications are processed during regular business hours, Monday – Friday.



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#### **Fees**

The City strives to keep fees as low as possible by charging only for the cost of processing the application and City services provided the day of the event. Application fees are listed below. For a full list of fees for services provided by the City on the day of the event, see Attachment D and/or city park use fees per location.

Permit Types	Fees
Class I (Fewer than 500 people, no City services)	\$50
Class II (Fewer than 500 people, City services required)	\$75
Class III (500 people or more, no City services)	\$150
Class IV (500 people or more, City services required)	\$200

## **Additional Documentation**

The following table is a guide to the important additional documentation you may need to ensure your application is processed accurately. Please note that this table is only a guideline. Please read the entire application and fill out all questions pertaining to your event.

Additional Documentation Needed (Please fill out all that apply to your event)				
Concert	Attachments A, B, C, and "Tent and Structure Permit"			
Event w/ Tent, Stage or Structure	"Tent & Stage Applications" is available at the City of Fremont's Development Services Center, please call (510) 494-4443 for more information.			
Food related	Alameda County Department of Environmental Health: <a href="http://www.acgov.org/aceh/food/temp.htm">http://www.acgov.org/aceh/food/temp.htm</a> No sales permitted			
Parade	May require a Traffic Control Plan			
Political Activity	For information, contact Special Events Manager at (510) 790-6800			
Run/Walk	Attachment A			

## **Commitment to Customer Service**

As part of the City's commitment to providing excellent customer service, the Central Park Supervisor and Staff will help you navigate through the permitting process. Please contact us for assistance at:

Joe Benjamin, Recreation Supervisor

Phone Number: (510) 790-5546 • Email: jbenjamin@fremont.gov

Zack Silva, Recreation Supervisor

Phone Number: (510) 790-5541 • Email: zsilva@fremont.gov

On behalf of the City of Fremont, we thank you for contributing to the spirit and vitality of our City through the staging of your event. **Best wishes for a successful event.** 

## PLEASE SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS. WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND FEES TO:

Central Park Visitor Service Center (CPVSC) at 40000 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont, CA 94538

All checks should be made payable to "City of Fremont" for the amount of your special event permit (non-refundable processing fee).



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## **SECTION 1: PERMIT TYPE AND PAYMENT INFORMATION**

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Date Time Day of Week		Date			T	ime	Day of Week
Setup	Setup						
Event Starts	<b>Event Starts</b>						
Event Ends	Event Ends						
Clean Up	Clean Up						

# **SECTION 4: SPONSORING ORGANIZATION INFORMATION** ☐ Yes ☐ No Is the sponsoring organization a non-profit organization? If yes, please list tax ID no.: ☐ Yes ☐ No 2 Is the sponsoring organization a community group without non-profit status? If you checked "Yes" to either question #1 or #2, have you filed an Affidavit of Business Tax Exemption with ☐ Yes ☐ No the City of Fremont Revenue Division (510) 494-4791? **3** Is the sponsoring organization a business or for-profit organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, do you have a Fremont Business Tax License (BTL)? Please list BTL no.: ☐ Yes ☐ No **SECTION 5: PARKING PLAN** Please provide a description of your parking plans (i.e., where event attendees will park, accessible parking plans). Attached Please attach a separate letter of authorization and map for use of privately owned parking. Please describe your plans to notify residents and/or businesses impacted by this event. Please attach notice to residents and/or businesses impacted by this event. (e.g. postcard, flyer, email, other) Attached **SECTION 5: TENTS, CANOPIES, STRUCTURES, SOUND** Are you installing or constructing any structures, including inflatables, climbing structures, stages, ☐ Yes ☐ No tents, or canopies etc.? If yes, please list locations and dimensions on the SITE PLAN (Attachment "A"). Please describe type, size and number of structures. (Plans may be required for review.) Stakes & Canopies: Stakes must not penetrate the turf more than six (6) inches as irrigation piping may be damaged. Canopies of up to 10' x 10' in size are allowed, but cannot be connected to other canopies. Please add the contact information of service provider(s) responsible for installing inflatables, the tent, ☐ Attached structures, etc. to the VENDOR LIST (Attachment C). \*A background check may be required for game booth operators.

You may be required to complete an additional tent & stage permit if the following apply:

- Stages, grandstands, bleachers and/or folding or telescoping seating greater than 30" above grade.
- Enclosed tents greater than 400 square feet
- Open tents greater than 700 square feet

"Tent & Stage Application" is available at the City of Fremont's Development Services Center, contact at (510) 494-4443 for more information.

3 Do you plan to have any sound amplification? If yes, please describe:	☐ Yes	☐ No
☐ Music ☐ Other, please describe:		
4 Is electrical power required (sound, lighting, etc.)? If yes, please describe:	☐ Yes	□ No
Generator  Other, please describe:		
Electricity: In Central Park – available at Performance Pavilion only. All community and historic park power location.  Music: All amplified sound must be facing the interior of the park. Volume is subject to control by City Staff. indecent, obscene, or violent, so as to be inconsistent with the family-friendly environment that the City's part provide, is prohibited. If City staff receives complaints, you may be asked to turn music volume down or off.	Content that is	plainly
Do you need vehicles entering the park? If yes, what is the vehicle(s) used for? Please list vendors (Attachment C).	☐ Yes	□ No
Vehicles: Vehicles operated in the park without a staff safety escort will be cited.		
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# SECTION 8: PORTABLE TOILETS AND HAND-WASHING SINKS

Any event with 500 or more people	e must have portable toilet facilities.		
	able toilets and/or hand-washing sink or SITE PLAN (Food service requires ha		☐ Yes ☐ No
Number of regular toilets	Number of ADA approved toilets	Number of hand-washing sinks (required	d if food is being served)
Please provide name of service provide	der on the VENDOR LIST (Attachment C).		☐ Attached
	y fewer than 500 people, please highlig DA and ADA accessible facilities). The pecial events.		
Please note: Portable toilets and such as sidewalks, streets and gu	hand-washing sinks shall be at least 15 tters.	5 feet from any storm drain or imperviou	us surface area,
<b>SECTION 9: ENVIRON</b>	MENTAL, GARBAGE, ANI	D RECYCLING SERVICES	<b>;</b>
	the number and size of containers: of Garbage and Recycling containers a	re required)	
Type Number	er of Containers/Receptacles	Size(s)	
Recycling			
Garbage		-	
Compost			
How will you prevent the dispollution for any storm drain	sposal, spill, or deposit of food, auton n of impervious surface area, such a	motive fluids, hydraulic fluids, greas s side walks, streets, and gutters?	e, and other
The City offers FREE recycling co			
	arstream frames with lids (and bags if a le recycling or composting services. Th		es must take the
bottles and cans co	llected to a certified recycling center.		
	learstream frames and arrange for pick Services Division at Fremont.gov.	-up, fill out the clearstream request forr	n online by visiting
	ne Food Service Ware – STYROFOAM	IS PROHIBITED and enforceable by a	fine of up to \$500
per occurrence.			
wrecked or discarded equipment,	tewater, animal waste, chemical waste, rock, sand, dirt or soil, agricultural was utters. Please identify the locations of a	te, discharge into water, storm drain or	any surface area
	waste discharged by residences, busin ater can include wash water, water fror I contaminant.		

# Do you have at least \$1,000,000 in general liability insurance naming the City of Fremont as additional insured (required for events on public property): | Insurance Documentation: | Please attach a copy of insurance certificate and separate additional insured endorsement to the end of the application. | SECTION 11: ADDITIONAL POLICIES, RULES, AND GUIDELINES

**Damages:** The approved applicant and/or organization will be responsible for any damage or loss sustained to the grounds, building, furnishings or equipment; or unusual clean-up required, as a result of applicant's and/or organization's occupancy of the facility.

**Alcohol:** Alcohol is not allowed in City parks for special events open to the general public

**Decorations:** Decorations or directional signs must be used in a manner that does not damage the facility, and must all be removed after the event. Staples, tacks, nails, etc., are not permitted.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations require written notice by permittee. Fees for use canceled thirty (30) or more days in advance will be refunded less 10%; eleven (11) to twenty-nine (29) days, less 30%; ten (10) days or less, no refund of fees. Damage deposits are refunded in all cases.

Rainouts: Reservation fees will not be refunded for events which are canceled due to rain, however events may be rescheduled. Notification of a rain-out must be communicated to the Central Park Visitor Center on the day of the reserved use by 10:00AM. Events canceled due to rain may be rescheduled for a future use to occur within six months of the canceled use date (this date does not have to be specified at the time of cancellation). If the replacement use date occurs in a period with a higher or lower use fee, the fee applicable to the new use date shall apply. Failure to cancel a reserved use by stated notification to the Central Park Visitor Center or failure to reschedule a canceled use within a six month period will result in the forfeit of reservation fees.

**Changes**: Any change, alteration or modification of stated use must be approved in advance by Central Park Supervisor. Change or omission of a material fact in your application, may result in cancellation of use or a change of the use area and/or fees. Any misrepresentation of your use/group, or failure to comply with the Fremont Municipal Code and Administrative Regulations, or any guidelines contained herein, may result in expulsion from the park or facility of use and/or forfeiture of all fee(s) and deposit(s).

**Public Notifications:** All special event permits issued for Historic and Community Parks require public notice to adjacent residents and businesses within a ¼ mile radius. Special events at Central Park with an estimated attendance of 500 (or more) require public notice to adjacent residents and businesses within ¼ mile radius.

**Refunds:** Allow ten (10) to fourteen (14) business days for any refunds.

**Fremont Municipal Code (12.20) Parks and Recreation Areas:** Please review the complete list of guidelines governing the use of Parks and Recreation Areas, including 12.20.60 Prohibited Conduct Generally, at <a href="https://www.fremont.gov">www.fremont.gov</a>.

## **AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT**

Event Title:	Event Date:
Applicant Name:	Phone Number(s):
Email Address:	
Address:	City/Zip
Organization:	
Contact Name:	Phone Number(s)
Email Address:	Website:
Address:	City/Zip:
belief and that I have read, understand and agr Special Event under the Fremont Municipal Code and regulations established by the City Council Organization agrees to comply with all other requ other applicable entity which may pertain to the use these rules and further certify that I, on behalf of	ree to abide by the rule and regulations governing the proposed Park e 12.20. I understand that this application is made subject to the rules and/or the City Manager or the City Manager's designee. Applicant/ tirements of the City, County, State and, Federal Governments, and any se of the Event venue and the conduct of the Event. I agree to abide by the Organization, am also authorized to commit that organization, and any costs and fees that may be incurred by or on behalf of the Event to
Applicant/Organization:	
Applicant Title:	
Signature:	
Date:	
Print Name of Applicant/Organization:	
Financial Officer/Treasurer	
Signature:	
Date:	

# **HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

Event Title:	Event Date:
Applicant Name:	Phone Number(s):
Email Address:	
Address:	City/Zip
Organization:	
Contact Name:	Phone Number(s)
Email Address:	Website:
Address:	City/Zip:
HOLD HARMLESS STAT	EMENT
called "City") for all loss incurre its officers, employees, agents,	organization(s) (hereafter called "permittee") agrees to reimburse the City of Fremont (hereafter ad by it in repairing or replacing damage to City property proximately caused by the permittee, monitors, or any other persons attending or forming the special event or parade who were, or ermittee's control. Persons who merely attend or join in a special event are not considered by the control" of the permittee.
employees from any liability to a event, which was proximately of any other persons attending of	to defend without costs, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, and any persons, damages, losses, or injuries arising out of or alleged to arise out of the permitted caused by the actions of the permittee, its officers, employees, agents, including monitors, or rejoining in the event who were, or reasonably should have been under the control of the attend or join in an event are not considered by that reason alone to be "under the control" of
<del>_</del>	mply with all the terms of the above Hold Harmless Agreement if my application has been ons and required advance payments have been met.
Print Name of Applicant/Organization:	
Applicant Title:	
Signature:	
Date:	
Print Name of Applicant/Organization:	
Financial Officer/Treasurer	
Signature:	
Date:	

# ATTACHMENT "A" • SITE PLAN

Ple		include a complete site plan of your event, including:
		Location(s) and dimensions map of event
		Location(s) and dimensions of any structures, including buildings, climbing structures
		Location(s) and dimensions of any tents or canopies
		Location(s) and dimensions of any grandstands, bleachers, or folding or telescoping seating
		Location(s) and type of cooking equipment, cooking areas, and food booths
		Location(s) of temporary heating system
		Location(s) of decoration, banners, or other advertisement at the event site
		Location(s) of all trash and recycling receptacles
		Location(s) of any signs to be placed, both directional and advertising the event
		Location(s) of all display areas, play areas, judging areas, staging areas and seating areas
		ade/Run/Walk is involved, please also include: Staging area Judging area Start and ending area Location of bleachers, grandstands, or related structures Directional arrows showing the exact route of the parade/run/walk  CHMENT "B" • PARKING PLAN
	Pro	provide the following information: of that adjacent property owners were notified of event
_		of that adjacent property owners granted permission for event attendees to park on the adjacent property proposed for ent parking
П		equate parking for persons with disabilities
		equate publicity and signage to direct event attendees to available parking
		er efforts to provide shuttle services to and from the event site, and/or to provide information on alternative
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## **ATTACHMENT "C" • VENDOR INFORMATION**

The City of Fremont's Office of Revenue and Treasury, requires each retail vendor to have a "Temporary Vendor License" to sell within the City of Fremont. If a vendor does not have this license, please contact the City's Office of Revenue and Treasury at (510) 494-4791 for the appropriate form.

For each merchandise vendor, please include the following information:

NAME OF VENDOR	ADDRESS	PHONE	FOOD, GOODS, & SERVICES

## **ATTACHMENT "D" • FEES**

## **Reserved Picnic Areas**

Fees vary by location, size of event and staffing. Below is a list of park locations available for community based park special events.

City	<u>-wide Park</u>
	Central Park
Con	nmunity Parks
	Centerville Community
	Irvington Community
	Los Cerritos Community
	Niles Community
	Nordvik Community
	Northgate Community
	Old Mission Community
	Warm Springs Community
Hist	orical Parks
	California Nursery Historic Park
	Shinn Historic Park

Open Space (Per 100ft. Radius)			
Non-Profit	Resident	Non-Res	Business (Non-Res)
\$30/hour	\$60/hour	\$70/hour	\$85/hour

Staff Fee		
Part-time	Full-Time	
\$20/hour	Based on staff	
φ20/Houi	recommendations	

**Cleaning and Damage Deposits:** Deposits up to \$275 may be made/assigned on all facility, equipment and park use. Any unused funds will be refunded at the end of the season or event. (Performance Bonds may be required for major events.)

Non-Profit rate: Non-Profit rates apply to Fremont Resident Non-Profit groups only. Saturdays excluded.\*

## ATTACHMENT "E" • INFORMAL ADA INFORMATION

## Informal Guidance Regarding Public Events on City of Fremont Property

The City of Fremont wishes you great success in your upcoming event. In producing the event we encourage you to ensure that it is accessible to members of the public with disabilities. The City of Fremont does not enforce the Americans with Disabilities Act and is not responsible for the access issues that may develop as a result of your event. The City does wish to provide you with constructive suggestions concerning creating and maintaining an appropriate level of access.

Information contained within is not comprehensive or exhaustive concerning disability access standards and requirements. It is provided as informal guidance to assist you.

## **Common Issues that Impact the Success of Public Events:**

- 1. Ensure that accessible parking is unencumbered. If it is necessary, temporary accessible parking can be established using the guidelines at ADA.gov.
- 2. Refrain from blocking the path of travel to and through your event activities.
- 3. Do not place power cords or other obstacles across the path of travel in and around the event as they create tripping hazards.
- 4. If portable restrooms are to be provided it is advisable to make sure there are an adequate number of accessible portable restrooms available.
- 5. It is advisable to identify a service animal relief area.
- 6. If your event includes exhibits, points of sale or other elements where the public will be approaching a temporary structure, consider clear space in front of the structure, place the structure on an accessible path of travel (the surface should be firm, stable and slip resistant) and consider reach ranges (how far someone will need to reach to transact business or use equipment).
- 7. If temporary seating will be used, consider making spaces available without seating in a variety of locations that will be available for wheelchair users and their companions. In doing so, you will avoid segregating people with disabilities, and event goers will have an appropriate choice of seating.
- 8. If your event involves buffet style food service, you may wish to staff the buffet table with an individual who would be available to assist individuals with mobility impairments, dexterity impairments or who are blind.
- 9. If you're anticipating persons with disabilities needing to use the public address equipment, be sure that it is accessible to them. Thus, lower podiums, portable microphones, assistive listening systems and accessible stages and platforms might be advisable.
- 10. If you're using sign language interpreters ensure that the interpreter is placed close to the speaker. You may also wish to have reserve seating close to the speaker for persons who are using sign language interpreters as an accommodation.

## Resources

For more information concerning accessible meetings and events visit: The California Department of Rehabilitation/Disability Access Services Section at http://www.dor.ca.gov/DisabilityAccessInfo; and The United States Department of Justice at http://www.ada.gov.