



CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI

Event Permit

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Events are defined as a temporary gathering that may use either public or private property and may include any of the following:

- closing a public street – for parades, see Parade Permit
- blocking or restricting public property or limiting the use of public streets by the general public
- offering merchandise, food, or beverages on public or private property where otherwise prohibited by ordinance
- erecting a tent/canopy on public or private property where otherwise prohibited by ordinance
- erecting a stage, band shell, trailer, portable building, grandstand, or bleachers on public or private property where otherwise prohibited by ordinance
- placing portable toilets on public or private property where otherwise prohibited by ordinance
- placing temporary “no parking” signs or barricades in the public ROW
- charging a fee/donation for attendance or participation

Examples may include – corporate events, festivals, block parties, or art shows/fairs

An application for an event permit shall be filed **not less than 30 days** before the date on which it is proposed to conduct the event. Applications will be processed in the order they are received. **The event permit fee is \$25, cash or check.**

What type of event are you applying for?

- Event on a residential street (closing a public street in a residential area)
- Event on public ROW (closing a public street in a commercial area)

Applicant _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Sponsor/Organization _____
(if applicable)

Sponsor/Organization Address _____
(if applicable)

Date(s) of event _____ Time(s) of event _____
Starting/Ending Time

Estimated number of attendees _____ Purpose of event _____

Location of event (attach detailed map) _____

Do you need street barricades and detour signs provided by Public Works? Yes

Public Works will provide barricades and detour signs prior to the event and pick them up afterward. It is the applicant's responsibly to place the barricades and detour signs according to their submitted and approved traffic control plan (map). Public Works reserves the right to amend the map and the applicant will be informed.

No – Please explain how you plan to securely close the street _____

Will you be using any of the following? Additional permits or licenses may be required.

Please include on the detailed map the general location/set up of these items.

- Tents/Canopies ____ Personal pop-up tent/canopy ____ Commercial large tent/canopy
- Tables/Chairs
- Generator(s)
- Mobile Vendors (food trucks, retail vendors)
- Stage/Grandstand/Bleachers
- Loudspeaker/Amplified Sound/Musical Instruments (Band)/Radio
- Fireworks
- Carnival
- Bounce House/Inflatables
- Portable Toilets
- Dumpster
- Dispensing, Consuming, or Selling Alcoholic Beverages on public streets (other than in/on private residences)
- I will not be using any of the items listed above

- Please keep in mind, in an emergency, the fire department and other emergency personnel will still need access to the street(s). Please do not put anything in the street you can't move easily and quickly.
- Electrical cords may not be run across street. They can be run along the sidewalk, as long as they are secured to the ground (with tape or a rug) to ensure they will not be a trip hazard.
- Please see the attached city Noise Ordinance (Chapter 14, Article IV). Loud noises are not allowed between 10:00 pm to 7:00 am.
- Events may require additional licenses, permits, or approvals; liability coverage; and/or City partnership. Staff will contact the applicant about additional requirements.
- The applicant is responsible to pick up and properly dispose of any trash or litter.
- The applicant is responsible to utilize the attached Signature Sheet to contact the neighbors located on the street(s) and/or intersections being closed. The completed signature sheet should be returned at least 7 business days prior to the event. It can be emailed to admin@belton.org or brought by city hall. A super majority (2/3) of neighbors approving the event is required for city staff to approve the event. City staff reserves the right to amend the listing of neighbors and the applicant will be informed.

Signature of applicant

Date

Checklist of Items to Submit to admin@belton.org or bring by City Hall

- Completed Event Permit Application
- Detailed map showing where the barricades and detour signs will be placed
- \$25 permit fee, cash or check. Please make checks payable to the City of Belton.

Office Use

- _____ Date the completed Signature Sheet is required to be returned 2/3 approval? Y N
- Additional permits or licenses have been issued N/A

This application is APPROVED / DENIED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

City Manager

BELTON CODE OF ORDINANCES
Chapter 14 - NUISANCES
ARTICLE IV. NOISE

Sec. 14-128. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Business district means any of the zoning districts which is determined to be business by the city council.

Construction means any site preparation assembly, erection, repair, alteration, or similar action, including demolition, for or of public or private rights-of-way, structures, utilities, or similar property.

Noise means any sound which annoys or disturbs humans or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans.

Noise disturbance means any sound which:

- (1) Endangers the safety or health of humans or animals;
- (2) Annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities; or
- (3) Endangers or injures personal or real property.

Noise-sensitive zone means any area designated by this Code for the purpose of ensuring exceptional quiet. Noise-sensitive zones shall include the following:

- (1) Quiet zones.
- (2) Schools during operations.
- (3) Libraries during operations.
- (4) Churches.
- (5) Hospital.
- (6) Nursing homes.

Real property boundary means an imaginary line along the ground surface, and its vertical extension, which separates the real property owned by one person from that owned by another person, but not including intra-building real property divisions.

Residential district means any of the zoning districts determined to be residential by the city council.

Sound-producing device means a radio, compact disc player, television, tape player or recorder, phonograph, musical instrument or any other similar sound-producing instrument or device.

(Code 1976, § 15-166; Ord. No. 00-2681, § 1, 2-25-2000)

Sec. 14-129. Noise disturbances prohibited.

- (a) The creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise within the city is hereby prohibited.

- (b) Noise of such character, intensity or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual or which results in disturbance of the public peace and welfare is prohibited.
- (c) No person shall make, continue, or cause to be made or continued, any noise disturbance, except when necessary in performance of construction work.
- (d) Noncommercial public speaking and public assembly activities conducted on any public space or public right-of-way shall not be considered a violation of this section.
- (e) Any operator of any ambulance or fire truck and any officer of the law while engaged in necessary public business or any operator of any vehicle of the city while engaged in necessary public business shall be exempted from the terms and prohibitions contained in this article.

(Code 1976, § 15-167; Ord. No. 00-2681, § 2, 2-25-2000)

Sec. 14-130. Specific prohibitions.

The following acts, among others, are declared to be violations of this article. This enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

- (1) *Animals and birds.* Owning, keeping or harboring any animal or bird which frequently or for continued duration, howls, barks, meows, squawks or makes other sounds which create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary, or within a noise-sensitive zone. This provision shall not apply to the keeping or maintaining of livestock more than 75 feet from the nearest residential dwelling.
- (2) *Power tools.* Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically or electrically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, paint sprayer, or similar device used outdoors in residential areas between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. so as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.
- (3) *Firearms and similar devices.* The use or firing of firearms, guns or similar devices which creates a sound which causes a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or on a public space or right-of-way.
- (4) *Loading and unloading.* Loading, unloading, opening, closing or other handling of boxes, crates, containers, building materials, garbage cans, or other objects between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such manner as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary or within a noise-sensitive zone, except when necessary in the performance of construction work.
- (5) *Loudspeakers/public address systems.*
 - a. Using or operating for any noncommercial purpose any loudspeaker, public address system, or similar device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. such that the sound therefrom creates a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary or within a noise-sensitive zone.
 - b. Using or operating for any commercial purpose any loud speaker, public address system, or similar device such that the sound therefrom creates a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or within a noise-sensitive zone, or between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on a public right-of-way or public space.
- (6) *Noise-sensitive zones.* Creating or causing the creation of any sound within any noise-sensitive zone so as to disturb or disrupt the activities normally conducted within the zone, provided that signs are prominently displayed indicating the presence of the zone.

- (7) *Places of public entertainment.* Operating, playing or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier or similar device which produces, reproduces or amplifies sound at a level greater than 85 dBa as read by the slow response on a sound level meter at any point which is normally occupied by a customer in any place of public entertainment with a seating capacity of less than 500 persons, unless a conspicuous and legible sign is located outside such place near each public entrance stating:
- "WARNING: SOUND LEVELS WITHIN MAY CAUSE PERMANENT HEARING IMPAIRMENT."
- (8) *Powered model vehicles and aircraft.* Operating or permitting the operation of powered model vehicles or model aircraft so as to create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary, in a public space, or within a noise-sensitive zone between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day.
- (9) *Radios, television sets, musical instruments and similar devices.* Operating, playing or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, tape player, or recorder, compact disc player, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier, which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound in the following circumstances:
- Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such manner as to create a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or within a noise-sensitive zone.
 - In a manner which creates a noise disturbance at a greater distance than 50 feet from such device or in a public right-of-way or public space. The operation of any such device between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. within a public right-of-way or public space shall be prima facie evidence of a violation.
 - In such manner as to create a noise disturbance to any person other than the operator of the device when operated by any passenger on a common carrier.
 - This subsection shall not apply to noncommercial spoken language.
 - This subsection shall not apply to activities sponsored by public or private schools, churches, or the city.
- (10) *Construction in residential districts.* The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration or repair of any building and the excavation of streets and highways in any residential district or section, other than between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, except in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the building inspector, which permit may be granted for a period of 30 days while the emergency continues. If the building inspector should determine that the public health and safety will not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or the excavation of streets between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and if he or she shall further determine that loss or inconvenience would result to any party in interest, he or she may grant permission for such work to be done between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to excavations or repairs of bridges, streets, highways, or utilities by or on behalf of the city, the county, or the state during the nighttime when public welfare and convenience renders it impractical to perform such work during the day.
- (11) *Horns or signaling devices.* The sounding of any horns or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle for a prolonged, unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.
- (12) *Noisy vehicles.* The use of any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in such operating condition as to create loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.

- (13) *Engine exhausts.* The discharge into the air of the exhaust from any steam engine, internal combustion engine, motor vehicle or boat engine, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.

(Code 1976, § 15-168; Ord. No. 00-2681, § 3, 2-25-2000; Ord. No. 2007-3329, §§ 4—7, 4-10-2007)

Sec. 14-131. Loud sound amplification in vehicles prohibited.

- (a) No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street, highway, alley, parking lot or driveway between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from within the vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 50 or more feet from the vehicle.
- (b) Sound amplification system means any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loud speaker or other electronic device used for the amplification of sound.
- (c) Plainly audible means any sound produced by a sound amplification system from within the vehicle, which clearly can be heard at a distance of 50 feet or more. Measurement standards shall be by the auditory senses, based upon direct line of site. Words or phrases need not be discernible and bass reverberations are included. The motor vehicle may be stopped, standing, parked or moving on a street, highway, alley, parking lot or driveway.
- (d) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that the operator was not otherwise prohibited by law from operating the sound amplification system, and that any of the following apply:
- (1) The system was being operated to request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn of a hazardous road condition;
 - (2) The vehicle was an emergency or public safety vehicle;
 - (3) The vehicle was owned and operated by the city, or a gas, electric, communications or refuse company;
 - (4) The system was used for the purpose of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures or transmitting music to any persons or assemblages of persons in compliance with ordinances of the city; or
 - (5) The vehicle was used in authorized public activities, such as parades, fireworks, sports events, musical productions, and other activities which have the approval of the department of the city authorized to grant such approval.
- (e) This section shall not apply to activities sponsored by public or private schools, churches, or the city.

(Code 1976, § 15-169; Ord. No. 00-2681, § 4, 2-25-2000)

Sec. 14-132. Refuse collection vehicles.

No person shall on or after the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived:

- (1) Operate or permit the operating of any compacting mechanism of any motor vehicle which compacts refuse between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in a residential area or noise-sensitive zone or within 500 feet of either.
- (2) Collect refuse with a refuse collection vehicle between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in a residential area or noise-sensitive zone, or within 500 feet of either.

(Code 1976, § 15-169.1; Ord. No. 00-2681, § 5, 2-25-2000)

Sec. 14-133. Emergency exception.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to the emission of sound for the purpose of alerting persons to the existence of an emergency, or the emission of sound in the performance of emergency work.

(Code 1976, § 15-169.2; Ord. No. 00-2681, § 6, 2-25-2000)

Sec. 14-134. Enforcement.

The provisions of this article may be enforced by any police officer, code enforcement officer or other official designated by the chief of police or the city manager.

(Code 1976, § 15-169.3; Ord. No. 00-2681, § 7, 2-25-2000)