



Administrative Policy

Block Parties

This policy is adopted to establish guidelines for permitting and regulating street closures for neighborhood block parties.

Block Parties will be allowed in residential zones, with permission, on holidays and weekends until dusk. Streets must be opened to public traffic at dusk. The terms hereby established are:

1. Application process: First-time applicants on a through street must have official City Council approval. For future years, for cul-de-sac/dead end streets or for alleys, the application will be reviewed and approved administratively by the City Administrator and Police Chief. A formal application (attached as Exhibit A) must be completed and signed by a representative of the neighborhood. A \$50 deposit must be provided, which will be refunded if the area is fully cleaned up after the party and the barricades are returned in satisfactory condition.
 - Administrative approvals will be handled by the Police Chief in consultation with the City Administrator, Public Works Supervisor and Fire Chief. Upon approval, copies of the accepted application will be distributed to these officials and the Hancock County Communications Center, and the same procedure will be followed for block parties that require Council approval.
2. The City Public Works Department will deliver lighted barricades. If the party is to start prior to 4 PM on a working day, Public Works will set up the barricades, and if it is any other time, the Police Department will set up the barricades. Once the barricades are in place, residents are not to move them until the completion of the party.
3. Street closures for Block Parties are prohibited on the following arterial streets, in the interest of public safety and emergency access:
 - East 2nd Street from Seymour to East City Limits
 - 3rd Street from Highway 69 to Seymour Avenue
 - 8th Street from Highway 69 to Seymour Avenue
 - 11th Street from Highway 69 to State Street
 - Lyon Street from Highway 69 to East City Limits
 - Division Street from 3rd Street to Lyon Street
 - Front Street from Lyon to South City Limits
 - Allen Avenue from Highway 18 to Cardinal Street
 - State Street from North City Limits to Cardinal Street
 - Seymour Avenue from Highway 18 to Lyon Street
 - Country Club Drive from Taft Avenue to Highway 18

4. Alcohol is prohibited on City Rights-of-Way.
5. No bands or DJ's are allowed.
6. The Garner Police Department has the right to shut down the party at any time if public disorder or nuisance is created.
7. The City does not accept any liability for Block Party-related activities and the representative of the neighborhood must agree to this stipulation in the application process.

This policy is subject to change or modification by the City Council at any time.

Adopted this 25th day of September, 2007.

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