

OUTDOOR FESTIVAL ORDINANCE

ADOPTED JUNE 10, 1975

Whereas, the inhabitants of the town of Woolwich are deeply concerned about the tremendous crowds which have attended outdoor pageants, amusement shows, theatrical performances, including music festivals and exhibitions, in various parts of the United States and the results thereof, and

Whereas, said events have led to serious problems in the way of inadequate toilet, waste disposal, potable water, and first aid facilities, obstructions and damage to roads and highways, violations of liquor and drug laws and destruction of both public and private property.

Now, therefore, the following ordinance is passed in the interest of promoting the general welfare, preventing disease, promoting health and providing for the public safety.

1. No person shall exhibit, sponsor, hold, promote or operate any pageant, amusement show, theatrical performance, including a music festival or exhibition, where the number of persons attracted would be 250 or more, without first applying to the municipal officers for a license more than 30 days prior to the event and payment of the sum of \$100.00 to the town therefore.

2. No license shall be granted by the municipal officers unless the applicant satisfies the municipal officers that the following facilities will be available for such event in the area to be used and no person shall hold such an event unless such facilities are available and provided for at the expense of the sponsors:

- A. Water supplies of potable quality shall be reasonably spaced throughout the area to be used with a minimum amount available of 1.5 gallons per day per person. Such water may be batch chlorinated in a tank to provide a chlorine residual of at least 0.5 parts per million. At each facility there shall be adequate spigots with cups or dispensers.

- B. Separate male and female toilet facilities shall be available and comply with the Maine State Plumbing Code. All

toilet facilities shall be adequately screened for privacy with wood or canvas.

C. At each toilet facility, there shall be hand-washing facilities with adequate provision for disposal of waste water as provided by the Maine State Plumbing Code.

D. Adequate metal, wood or ridged plastic containers with a capacity of 8 cubic feet shall be placed in the area to take care of solid waste and garbage, with at least one container for each reasonably anticipated 100 persons. Containers shall be emptied daily or within 24 hours after the close of the event and such waste materials shall be removed to a public waste disposal facility.

E. A first aid facility shall be provided on the grounds with at least one ambulance in attendance, a doctor on call for up to 1500 persons and one doctor in attendance for over 1500 persons or additional portion thereof, and one nurse in attendance for each 500 persons or additional portion thereof.

F. Off the street parking facilities shall be furnished with at least one car space with adequate access ways for each four persons reasonably expected to attend. A uniformed police officer or constable shall be provided to direct traffic to and from public ways with at least one officer for each reasonably expected 200 persons or portion thereof.

G. Prior to the issuance of the license and the holding of the event, the applicant shall furnish to the municipal officers a corporate surety bond from a company authorized to do business in Maine, insuring that within 24 hours after the event the grounds will be cleaned of waste, and damages to public or private property in the area arising out of or in connection with the event will be promptly paid, such bond to be in the amount of \$5000.00 for each reasonably expected 1000 persons in attendance and to be in the minimum amount of \$5000.00 for any event.

3. Each part of this ordinance is severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision is declared to be contrary to law, the validity of the remainder shall not be affected thereby.
4. Any person, directly or indirectly, exhibiting, promoting, sponsoring, operating or holding such event as owner, lessor, lessee, landlord, tenant, operator, sponsor or entertainer and not complying with this ordinance shall be liable to a fine of \$1500.00 per day for each infraction, shall be personally responsible for damage to public or private property arising out of or in connection therewith and subject to any civil or injunctive action or relief that may be reasonable and proper.
5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.
6. The municipal officers shall hold a public hearing at least 14 days prior to the event. After the public hearing a conditional license will be granted if the above mentioned requirements have been complied with. Final working license will be issued at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the event.
7. The fees of the local plumbing inspector, municipal officers, medical personnel, ambulance, police, local health officer and any other agencies required will be borne by the sponsor of the event.
8. The promoter or sponsor of such an event shall not allow on the premises more persons than are stipulated in the license issued.