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If you want to host a public event in Burleson, you have to contact the City.

A public event is a meeting or gathering held at a specific location within the city limits, which attracts or can be expected to attract more than 500 people at any time during the meeting or gathering.

The City's new public events ordinance does not apply to an event that occurs within or on the same property as an established permanent stadium, arena, auditorium or other similar permanent structure that has sufficient existing and permanent electrical service, plumbing, water supply, sanitary sewer service and legal parking spaces to handle the expected number of participants.

The ordinance does set standards for parking; street closures; amusement rides; hours of operations; tents and temporary structures; cleanup, compliance, costs; food service; restroom/sanitary facilities; water usage and disposal of wastewater; solid waste; police protection; emergency medical care; insurance coverage; and, nuisances (noise, glare, odor and other nuisances).

You must apply for a permit at least 45 days before the planned event, but there is no fee if it is classified as a public event. Public events may only be conducted between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. If there is good cause, the hours may be extended to 2 a.m.

The ordinance gives the fire chief, police chief, or fire marshal the ability to require a public safety plan if they determine that the event has an adverse impact on public safety; and, allows the city manager or his designee to deny or revoke a public event permit for a myriad of reasons.

To read the ordinance, apply online, or download a PDF of the public events application, go to the Public Events Ordinance page at www.burlesontx.com/publicevents or contact Burleson Fire Marshal Stacy Singleton at 817-426-9174 or ssingleton@burlesontx.com.