



## CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG BLOCK PARTY PERMIT REGULATIONS

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Block party regulations are as follows:

- 1) Block parties are gatherings of residents of a specific City block and their guests. Block parties are NOT for open invitation and do not extend beyond the specific residents of that City block and their particular guests.
- 2) Block parties may be held any day of the week and must begin after 11 a.m. and conclude prior to 10 p.m. Block parties may last up to four hours. The City may decline to grant a Block Party permit for a day or time when closing the block would unreasonably interfere with the public's use of the street (for example, for motor vehicle travel) or when its equipment or personnel are not available at the requested date and time.
- 3) Block party sponsors should review copies of section of the Fredericksburg City Code in reference to disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, and noise (Sections 54-15, 54-17, and 38-35). Copies of the Code are located in each branch of the public libraries, and on line at the City's website.
- 4) Block party sponsors are required to obtain City-approved Type 3 Barricades to block off the street. Barricades can be rented from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Events. All sponsors are responsible for picking up the barricades and returning them for their block party.
- 5) Block party sponsors are responsible for cleaning up at the conclusion of the event. If clean-up is not done to the satisfaction of the City, the clean-up will be completed and the event organizer will be billed.
- 6) More than half of adjacent property owners must sign the attached petition to indicate agreement to the block party.
- 7) Sale of beverages, tickets, etc. is prohibited. There will be no admission fees charged.
- 8) Consumption of alcoholic beverages in public requires a license from the Virginia ABC Board. This permit gives the holder exclusive control of the street.
- 9) The possession and/or display of non-permissible fireworks is illegal unless a permit is obtained from the Fredericksburg Fire Marshal's Office. Block party organizers must ensure that no non-permissible fireworks be displayed unless a permit has been obtained. Typically, sparklers and fountains found in major retail establishments in Virginia are permissible.
- 10) Structures such as inflatable amusement devices, tents over 900 square feet, stages, etc. may require a building permit. The organizer is required to obtain any required permit.



