



Special Events Ordinance

CITY OF STATESBORO

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Special Event Defined

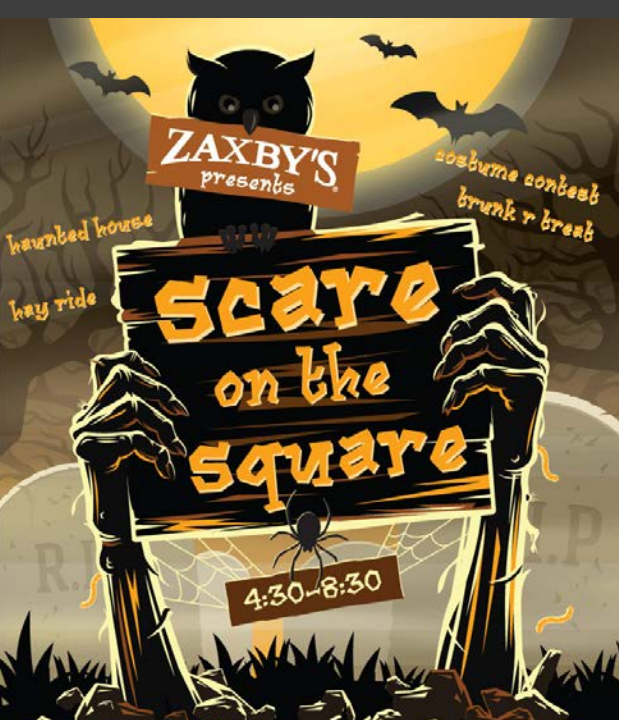
“Any organized event having as its purpose entertainment, recreation and/or education, such as a festival or celebration, foot or vehicle race, parade or march, rally or assembly which takes place on a public street, sidewalk or right-of-way, including an event that takes place on public property inside the City of Statesboro, or any event that otherwise impacts the deliver of public safety services”

Included:

- Fairs
- Tours
- Races
- Parades
- Art Festivals
- Holiday Celebrations
- Concerts
- Grand Opening Celebrations
- Block Parties
- Bicycle Runs

Not Included:

- Garage Sales
- Yard Sales
- Flea Markets
- Rummage Sales
- Private Gatherings



Why Regulate?

- City Services and Resources
- Health, Safety, and Welfare of Citizens
- Staffing Reimbursements



Goals

- One point of contact
- Inclusion of impacted departments
 - Expertise
- Determine best use of staff resources
- Least amount of impact on citizens as possible
- Avoid conflict with other applicable ordinances and laws
 - Sign ordinance
 - Alcohol ordinance
 - Occupational Tax



Research

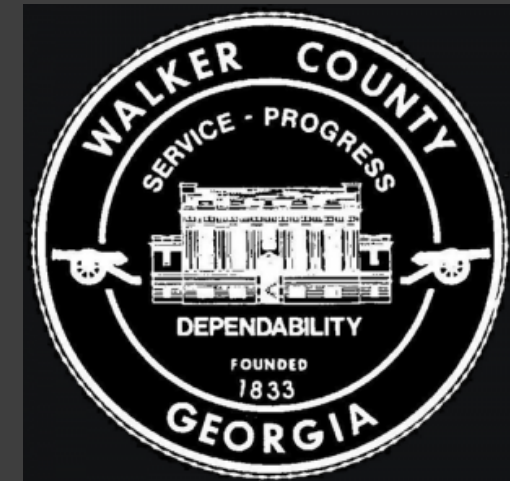
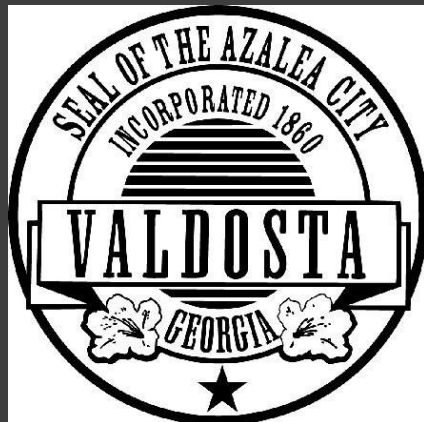
City of Alpharetta

City of Rome

City of Valdosta

Walker County

Fulton County



Ordinance Requirements

- Permit
 - Crowd in public right of way
 - Application fee
 - Delineation of boundaries
 - Maps for walks/runs
- Administrative Review
 - Allowable review times

Administrative Reviews

- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Public Works Department
- Planning & Development Department
- Engineering Department
- Water and Wastewater Department



Other Enforcement Considerations

- Vendor Licensing
 - Local and State
- Prohibition of Glass Containers
- Police Services (TBD by Police Chief)
- Restroom Facilities
- Entertainment
 - Noise Ordinance
- Tents, Stages, Etc. Placement
- Street Closing
- Banners, Signs, Etc.



Standards for Denial

- The event will disrupt traffic within the City, beyond practical solution
- Unreasonably interfere with egress/regress of public safety personnel and equipment
- Requires the diversion of City employees as to substantially deny City services to residents
- Interferes with another event for which a permit has already been issued
- Application requirements not properly satisfied
- Event organizer left previous events unclean, didn't pay for City services, or created an undue hardship
- Failure to meet requirements to obtain any other required City permits
- Failure to submit application timely
- Estimated attendance and event is deemed too large for the requested venue
- Permit/Review fee not paid in full

Applicant may appeal

Exemptions

- Any **parade or procession** conduction under supervision of a funeral director in conjunction with a funeral
- Any event, parade, or procession conducted under the supervision, direction, or sponsorship of a **governmental agency**.
- Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair Parade and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade
 - **Long running annual events**
 - Part of local heritage
- **Lawful Picketing** – Must be off street or roadway and not obstruct traffic
- **Nonprofit Organizations** exempt from paying application fee

Challenges

- Alcohol Compliance
- “Public Event” or “Special Event”



Questions?