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RESIDENTIAL BLOCK PARTIES ♦ RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations shall apply to any approved Block Party which results in the temporary closing of any street, sidewalk, or City property in the City of Burlingame.

APPLICATION:

Any person may apply at the Engineering Department for a Block Party Permit. Such application shall be submitted no less than ten (10) working days prior to the proposed block party on a form specified by the City—NO EXCEPTIONS.

STANDARDS OF REVIEW:

- The City Engineer shall review the application and determine if it meets the standards set forth below. Based on this review, the application shall be approved, denied, or referred to Council for consideration.
- ***Streets in the City of Burlingame may be temporarily closed for a Residential Block Party only under Vehicle Code Section 21101 (e).***
- A street may be closed in a district zoned residential by the City zoning laws only when the Block Party application is accompanied by a petition bearing the signature of at least one **adult occupant** from 80 percent of the residences on the street to be closed. The applicant shall be a resident of the block where the closure is to occur. Petitions may also be required in commercial districts.
- **The City may charge for Police response to unruly gatherings** (Burlingame Municipal Code Section 10.70). All state and local laws regarding service and sale of alcohol shall be obeyed. No sale of admission tickets or outside advertising shall be allowed without a separate amusement permit.
- **City Ordinance and State Law restricts alcohol consumption on public property** (Burlingame Municipal Code Section 10.20.010).
- **No fireworks are permitted, including “safe & sane” fireworks** (Burlingame Municipal Code Section 10.48.0101, Ordinance 1335).
- **No sound amplification equipment may be used** in connection with any street closure in any district except when used by City employees or officers for purposes of crowd control.
- **No “jumpies” or play structures** shall be placed on the street, sidewalk, or other City right-of-way.
- Block Party permits shall be granted for any event between the hours of 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, and no permit will be granted that closes a street for more than ten hours at any one time.
- No Block party permit for any street closure shall be granted without City Council approval if the City

Engineer determines that the closure requested will substantially interfere with the conduct of a considerable number of residents or businesses on the street or streets to be closed off if the closure would result in a significant disruption of the orderly and efficient flow of traffic through any portion of the City of Burlingame.

- No Block Party permit shall be granted when the closure would result in denying prompt access to an area or location for emergency vehicles. Vehicles shall not be parked at the barricade locations so that access to the street is blocked. Block Party permits shall not be used exclusively as a method of traffic control.
- Wherever appropriate, the City Public Works Department will require the applicant to erect barricades according to City specifications to close off a street or area for public safety. Barricades for block parties may be obtained from the City Public Works Department. The fee for obtaining the barricades and block party permit is \$50.00, which is non-refundable. The applicant(s) shall be responsible for placing and dismantling all barricades. Barricades are available for pick-up no earlier than 9 a.m. the day prior to the event at the Corporation Yard, located at 1361 N. Carolan. For events that fall on a Sunday, barricades will be available for pick up on Friday. All barricades shall be removed within one-half (½) hour of the ending time of the event for which the street is closed. Barricades shall also be immediately removed upon request of any authorized officer or employee of the City. Barricades are to be returned to the Corporation Yard the day after the event. If your event falls on a Friday or Saturday, barricades are to be returned on Monday.

CITY SERVICES:

- Each Block Party application shall be referred by the City Engineer to the Police and Fire Departments and to any other department that the City Engineer deems advisable. These departments shall recommend to the City Engineer personnel and equipment requirements and the final action on the application.
- The Police Department shall review each Block Party application and determine whether the presence of police officers is required for the safety and welfare of the participants and general public. If the department does determine that police presence is required, the department shall note on the application the personnel and equipment requirements and shall determine the costs associated with providing those services. Such costs shall be paid by the applicant.

HOLD HARMLESS/LIABILITY COVERAGE:

- Before the City may grant any Block party permit under these rules and regulations, the applicant shall sign a statement holding the City, its officers and employees, whether elected or appointed, harmless from any and all liability arising from the street closure.

CONDITIONS:

- The City may impose conditions on the permit to ensure that the event complies with these rules and regulations. The City may conduct compliance checks on a random basis.

APPEAL:

- Imposition of any condition, or the granting or denial of any Block Party permit for a street closure may be appealed by any person to the City Council for review pursuant to these rules and regulations within (5) days of the day of the granting or denial of a permit.

CONNECTION TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS:

- These rules and regulations shall not be construed to affect in any way the responsibility of the Block Party applicant to obtain all permits that may be required by the State of California, the County of San Mateo, or other governmental entity in order to affect the street closure desired.