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OUTDOOR FESTIVAL REGULATIONS

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8.10.010 Legislative Declaration.

The board of county commissioners declares it to be the public interest, and for the protection of the health, welfare and property of the residents of ~~the county of~~ Yakima County, to provide for the orderly and lawful conduct of festivals to include, but not limited to, outdoor festivals, entertainments, amusements, and assemblies catering to the general public, that certain rules and regulations be established, and further that there is a danger to the people attending the gathering if proper sanitary, police, fire and other health and safety measures are not adequately provided for. In addition, the purpose of this section is to provide an effective administrative process for the review and enforcement of these standards to protect the safety and general welfare of the community. Therefore, festivals are subject to the following minimum requirements. ~~to be held outdoors by assuring that the proper sanitary, health, fire, safety and police measures are provided and maintained. This invocation of the police powers is prompted by and based upon a finding of the board of county commissioners that there is danger to both people attending and the property in close proximity of such a festival if proper sanitary, health, fire, safety and police measures are not adequately provided for.~~

(Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §1, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

8.10.020 Definitions.

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1 For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the indicated  
2 meanings:

3 (1) “Applicant” means the promoter who has the right of control of the conduct of a festival  
4 who applies to the appropriate legislative authority for a license to hold an outdoor festival.

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6 (2) “Board” means the board of county commissioners.

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8 (3) “Outdoor festival” means an indoor or outdoor assembly of persons at a given place and  
9 time, generally a planned social occasion to bring people together in a group for a public or  
10 private performance, entertainment, affair, function, occasion, social function, or special  
11 occasion where the predicted total number of persons on the site is five hundred persons or more,  
12 and where the duration of the program is five hours or longer except:

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14 (a) Outdoor festivals at a structure or facility such as a stadium, athletic field, arena,  
15 auditorium, coliseum, or other similar permanently established place of assembly that has been  
16 permitted for assembly purposes under the land-use, building safety, fire safety and health safety  
17 regulations of Yakima County and other applicable state or local regulation;

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19 (b) Government-sponsored fairs held on regularly established fairgrounds;

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21 (c) Circuses, traveling amusements, or carnivals, rodeo, animal show or rides, and all other  
22 occasional amusements, sporting events, or shows required to be licensed under other county  
23 ordinances including YCC 5.16.

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25 (4) “Person” means any natural individual, partnership, corporation, association, society, or  
26 fraternal or social organization. The singular shall include the plural.

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28 (5) “Promoter” means any person issued a permit to conduct a festival.

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30 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §2, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

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33 **8.10.030 Permit Required.**

34 No person shall knowingly allow, conduct, hold, maintain, cause to be advertised, or permit an  
35 outdoor festival in the unincorporated area of the county unless a valid permit has been obtained  
36 as required by this chapter. One such permit shall be required for each festival. A permit may be  
37 granted for a period not to exceed sixteen consecutive days, and a festival may be operated  
38 during any or all of the days within such period.

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40 A person may apply for an outdoor festival permit for an event which would not otherwise be  
41 required to obtain one due to having a predicted total number of persons on site is below 500 and  
42 or a program duration less than 5 hours, or both. The application will be processed as an outdoor  
43 festival and the permitting requirements will be those required of outdoor festivals.

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(Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §3, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

8.10.040 Application for Permit – Contents – Filing.

Application for an outdoor festival permit shall be in ~~writing and filed with the clerk of the board.~~ accordance with the provisions set forth below.

(1) Except as provided herein, a complete application shall be ~~filed~~ submitted in writing to the Yakima County Public Services Planning Division at least forty five (45) not less than forty five and not more than three hundred sixty five calendar days prior to the proposed first scheduled day of the festival and shall be accompanied with a permit fee in the amount ~~of one thousand dollars~~ identified in the fee schedule listed in YCC Title 20. Application for an outdoor festival permit shall include:

(a) A completed application form signed by the owner(s) of record and the festival promoter (if applicable). The application form shall be provided by the Administrative Official. The name of the person or other legal entity on behalf of whom said application is made; provided, that ~~a natural person applying for such permit~~ the applicant shall be eighteen years of age or older;

(b) The nature of the business organization of the applicant;

(c) Names and addresses of all individuals or other entities having a ten-percent or more proprietary interest in the festival;

(d) The principal place of business of the applicant;

(e) The address or parcel number(s) of the land to be occupied, the name and address of the owner thereof, together with a document showing the consent of said owner to the issuance of a permit, if the land is owned by a person other than the applicant;

(f) The scheduled performances and programs;

(g) Written confirmation that the Yakima Health District health officer has reviewed and approved plans for the outdoor festival site in accordance with rules, regulations and standards adopted by the State Board of Health<sub>;</sub>

(h) Written confirmation from the ~~county~~ sheriff's office that traffic control and crowd protection policing has been contracted for or otherwise provided by the applicant in accordance with the applicable regulations and policies enforced by the ~~county~~ sheriff<sub>;</sub>

(i) Written confirmation from the county fire marshal's office that the application and site plans for the outdoor festival site have been reviewed and approved as complying with the provisions of the fire code and the rules and policies of the fire marshal's office<sub>;</sub>

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1 (j) A written statement of consent from the applicant that all State and Yakima County law  
2 enforcement officers, fire-control officers and other necessary governmental personnel shall have  
3 free access to the site of the festival;  
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5 ~~(k) A list of the address or parcel number of all residences located within 300 yards of the~~  
6 ~~sound source the outdoor festival measured as defined in YCC 8.10 and a copy of a written~~  
7 ~~waiver from the owner of the residence as provided in YCC 8.10.100;~~  
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9 (k) A narrative describing the proposed festival, including the nature of the festival, anticipated  
10 number of attendees, proposed days and hours of operation, methods of controlling ingress and  
11 egress, and any other measures designed to minimize impacts on surrounding properties and road  
12 systems;

13 (l) The Administrative Official may require additional information, such as environmental  
14 consideration, if deemed necessary;

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16 (m) The verification of the applicant warranting the truth of the matters set forth in the  
17 application to the best of the applicant's knowledge, under the penalty of perjury.

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19 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §4, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

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22 8.10.050 ~~Approval or Denial of Permit—Corrections—Judicial Review.~~Administrative Official,  
23 Decision.

24 (1) Within fifteen days after the filing of the complete application for an outdoor festival permit,  
25 the ~~board~~ Administrative Official shall in writing, schedule a time at the next regular meeting of  
26 ~~the board when the board shall~~ approve, deny, or approve with conditions the applicant's permit.  
27 Any denial decision shall ~~set forth in~~ detail the specific grounds for denial ~~therefor~~. The applicant  
28 shall have fifteen days after the receipt of such denial, or such additional time as the ~~board of~~  
29 ~~county commissioners~~ Administrative Official shall grant, to correct the deficiencies set forth in  
30 the denial. The ~~board of county commissioners~~ Administrative Official shall either approve or deny  
31 the permit within fifteen days of receipt of the submitted corrections to the application. Any denial  
32 shall set forth in detail the specific grounds therefor.

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34 ~~(2) After the board of county commissioners has issued a final decision to approve or deny the~~  
35 ~~permit, the decision may be appealed as provided in RCW 36.70C.~~  
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37 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §5, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

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39 8.10.060 Reserved.

40 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §6, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1 (part), 1976).

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42 8.10.070 Cash Deposit – Surety Bond – Insurance.

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1 (1) After an application for an outdoor festival has been approved, the promoter shall deposit  
2 with the county treasurer the sum of ten thousand dollars cash, or surety bond in like sum. The  
3 bond or deposit shall be used to pay any costs or charges incurred to regulate health or to clean  
4 up afterwards outside the festival grounds, or any extraordinary costs or charges incurred for law  
5 enforcement or to regulate traffic or parking.

6 (2) Bond or other deposits shall be returned to the promoter when the board is satisfied that no  
7 claims for damage or loss will be made against said bond or deposit, or that the loss or damage  
8 claimed is less than the amount of the deposit, in which case the uncommitted balance thereof  
9 shall be returned; provided, that the bond or cash deposit or the uncommitted portion thereof  
10 shall be returned not later than thirty days after the last day of the festival.

11 (3) The promoter shall furnish proof of occurrence basis liability insurance in an amount of not  
12 less than five hundred thousand dollars per occurrence and one million dollars in the aggregate  
13 property damage and bodily injury coverage covering any officer, employee, volunteer, member,  
14 agent or representative of the promoter while acting in the performance of his or her duties. The  
15 policy shall name Yakima County as an additional named insured.

16 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §7, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

17 8.10.080 Revocation of Permits.

18 (1) Revocation of any permit granted pursuant to this chapter shall not preclude the imposition  
19 of penalties as provided for in this chapter and the laws of the state of Washington. Any permit  
20 granted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to conduct an outdoor festival shall be  
21 summarily revoked by the issuing authority when it finds that by reason of emergency the public  
22 peace, health, safety, morals or welfare can only be preserved and protected by such revocation.

23 (2) Any permit granted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to conduct an outdoor festival  
24 may otherwise be revoked for any material violation of this chapter or the laws of the state of  
25 Washington after a hearing held upon not less than three days' notice served upon the promoter  
26 personally or by certified mail.

27 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

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29 [8.10.090 Access and parking](#) ~~Reserved.~~

30 [\(1\) Provide adequate access from a county road and have a traffic and parking management plan.](#)

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32 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §9, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

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34 [8.10.095 Temporary structures](#)

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1 (1) All temporary facilities or structures shall be completed no more than five (5) days before the  
2 event. The Administrative Official shall inspect the structures for safety standards prior to the first  
3 day of the event. Should the temporary facility fail to meet the standards approved in the proposed  
4 plans, the event permit approval may be withdrawn.

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6 8.10.100 Distance from Habitation.

7 No outdoor festival shall be operated in a location which is closer than three hundred ~~yards~~-feet  
8 from any house, residence or other human habitation as measured from the sound source;  
9 provided, however, that this section shall not apply if the owner of each residence within said  
10 distance waives this requirement in writing. Applicant shall provide such waivers at time of  
11 application submittal.

12 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §10, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

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14 8.10.110 Noise Levels.

15 Sounds created by an outdoor festival permitted by this chapter shall be exempt from the  
16 provisions of YCC 6.28 from 6:00 a.m. to 12:01 a.m.

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18 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §11, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

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20 8.10.115 Vibration

21 Any vibration generated by the event, other than that caused by vehicles or equipment as part of  
22 the approved permit, which is discernible without instruments at the property line, is prohibited.

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24 8.10.116 Exterior lighting

25 Exterior lighting shall be designed to shield surrounding streets and land uses from nuisance and  
26 glare.

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28 8.10.120 Age of Patrons.

29 No person under the age of eighteen years shall be admitted to any outdoor festival without the  
30 escort of his or her parents or legal guardian and proof of age shall be provided upon request.

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32 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 § 12, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

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35 8.10.130 Posting Permits – Non-transferability.

36 Any permit granted pursuant to this chapter shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the site of  
37 the festival. A permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall not be transferable or assignable.

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39 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §13, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

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42 8.10.140 Hours.

43 Outdoor festivals may be conducted between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12:01 a.m. Monday through  
44 Sunday. The hours and days may be adjusted as determined by the Administrative Official

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1 [review of the application, public and agency comments based upon the public health, safety, and](#)  
2 [welfare.](#)

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4 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976).

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6 **8.10.150 Penalty.**

7 (1) Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Title, or violating or  
8 failing to comply with any order issued or made pursuant to its provisions shall severally and for  
9 each and every violation and non-compliance respectively, be subject to a civil infraction as  
10 provided for by Chapter 7.80 RCW in the amount of not less than \$500.00.

11 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 7-2010 § 1, 2010: Ord. 3-1995 §17, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1 (part),  
12 1976. Formerly 8.10.150).

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14 **8.10.160 Preparations – Completion Requirements.**

15 All event preparations required to be made by the provisions of this chapter on the outdoor  
16 festival site shall be completed prior to the first day scheduled for the festival. If a material  
17 violation exists, the board shall move to revoke the festival permit in the manner provided by  
18 Section 8.10.080.

19 (Ord. 2-2016 (part), 2016: Ord. 3-1995 §18, 1995: Ord. 8-1976 §1(part), 1976. Formerly  
20 8.10.180).

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