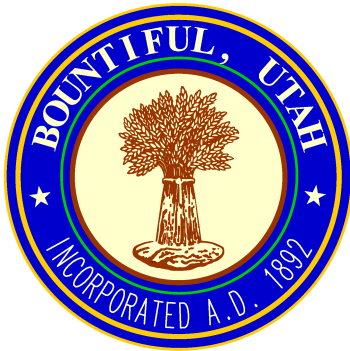




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Bountiful City

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR EVENTS HELD ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BOUNTIFUL, UTAH

WHEREAS, the Bountiful City Council recognizes the need to regulate the use of public property for organized events to ensure public safety, equitable access, and minimal disruption to residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that a formal permitting process is necessary to manage traffic, sanitation, noise, and other impacts associated with public events;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the municipality and the general health, safety, and welfare of the public to adopt this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance Amendment. Title 6 Chapter 18 of the Bountiful City Code is hereby adopted as follows:

Title 6. Public Works and Property

Chapter 18. Use of Public Property for an Event

6-18-101. Definitions.

6-18-102. Permit Required.

6-18-103. Standard Event Permit.

6-18-104. Expedited Event Permit.

6-18-105. Late Event Permit.

6-18-106. Multi-Day and Ongoing Events.

6-18-107. Compliance With Other Laws.

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6-18-109. Penalties.

6-18-110. Appeals.

6-18-111. Severability.

6-18-101. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

(a) Public Property means any property, facility, street, sidewalk, park, building, lot, right-of-way, or other area owned, leased, or managed by Bountiful City.

(b) Event means any gathering, celebration, demonstration, competition, or other organized activity not hosted, sponsored, or cosponsored by Bountiful City, that requires the use of Public Property in a manner that:

(1) Excludes or limits access by members of the public to any portion of Public Property;

(2) Obstructs public roads, parking lots, or sidewalks;

(3) Requires the temporary closure or restriction of public rights-of-way; or

(4) Occupies a majority (more than 50%) of the available spaces within any City-owned parking lot or facility.

(c) Multi-Day Event means any Event that lasts more than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours, including time for set-up, operation, and take-down.

(d) Ongoing Event means any Event or series of Events that cumulatively require use of Public Property for more than seventy-two (72) hours in a twelve-month period, including set-up, operation, and take-down.

(e) Notice means a written statement that includes a brief description of the event, its dates and times, any road, sidewalk, or trail closures, and the contact information of a person who can answer questions about the event or closures on behalf of the applicant. Notice may be delivered in person, left in a conspicuous location at the entrance of the property, or sent by first-class mail.

(g) Impacted Resident means any property owner, resident, or registered agent of a residence or business that is located within 400 yards of a road or sidewalk closure, or whose only access to their property will be restricted by the event.

6-18-102. Permit Required.

(a) No person shall conduct or sponsor an Event on Public Property without first obtaining an Event Permit issued by Bountiful City.

(b) Applications shall be submitted in writing on forms provided by the City.

(c) No charge shall be assessed for a standard Event Permit application, except as provided in Sections 6-18-104 and 6-18-105.

6-18-103. Standard Event Permit.

(a) An application for a standard Event Permit shall be submitted no less than ten (10) business days prior to the scheduled Event.

(b) The City shall review and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application within five (5) business days after receipt.

(c) If approved, the Permit shall authorize the Event subject to compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, and conditions of approval.

6-18-104. Expedited Event Permit.

(a) An application for an expedited Event Permit may be submitted no less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled Event.

(b) The applicant is advised that the City may be unable to review or approve the application before the scheduled Event.

(c) An application fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall accompany the expedited application.

(d) If the City is unable to act upon the application before the scheduled Event date, the application fee shall be refunded in full.

6-18-106. Multi-Day and Ongoing Events.

(a) Applications for Multi-Day Events or Ongoing Events shall include:

(1) A description of the proposed Event schedule;

(2) Anticipated attendance;

(3) Plans for traffic control, sanitation, and noise mitigation, and a road closure map;

(4) Parking plan that minimizes the impact of the Event parking on the surrounding area.

(5) Any other information requested by the City including measures proposed to minimize impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.

(b) In considering such applications, the City shall evaluate the potential impact on nearby residents and businesses, including traffic, parking, and noise.

(c) The City may, at its discretion, impose additional reasonable conditions on the Event to mitigate adverse impacts on citizens.

(d) The City may deny any Multi-Day or Ongoing Event that it determines to be unreasonably disruptive to the nature of the community.

(e) No overnight camping shall be permitted as part of a Multi-Day or Ongoing Event.

(f) An Event shall not exceed a total duration of seven (7) consecutive days and no more than fourteen (14) total days in a twelve (12) month period. This duration limit includes all time for set-up, operation, and take-down.

(g) No more than one Event may be approved for the same area. Priority shall be given to the first completed event application received by the City.

6-18-107. Compliance With Other Laws and Notice.

(a) All Events authorized under this Chapter shall comply with all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, including but not limited to:

1. The Bountiful City Noise Ordinance;
2. The Bountiful City Park Reservation process; and
3. Any other relevant provisions of the Bountiful City Code.

(b) If an Event requires the use of a City park, the park reservation process shall be completed through a separate application, independent of the Event Permit process under this Chapter.

(c) All Events authorized under this Chapter shall ensure that access to Public Property is maintained for City departments, including but not limited to routes for garbage collection, emergency services (Police/Fire), and utility maintenance (Water Department).

(d) Multi Day and Ongoing Event organizers must provide no less than 48 hours' Notice to all Affected Residents.

6-18-108. Constitutional Rights and Waivers.

(a) Bountiful City recognizes and supports the constitutional rights of citizens to free speech and peaceful assembly. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prohibit, impede, or restrict the exercise of those rights.

(b) Application fees may be waived for non-profit organizations or groups seeking to exercise their constitutional rights to assemble or speak in a manner consistent with this Chapter.

6-18-109. Penalties.

(a) Any person who conducts or sponsors an Event on Public Property without an approved Event Permit, or who violates any condition of an issued Permit, shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

(b) In addition to criminal penalties, Bountiful City may remove, at the expense of the owner, any property, structures, equipment, or vehicles placed on Public Property in violation of this Chapter.

(c) The remedies and penalties set forth in this Chapter are not exclusive, and additional civil or criminal penalties under state law or other provisions of the Bountiful City Code may apply.

6-18-110. Appeals

Any individual whose event application has been denied may appeal the denial to the City Manager or the City Manager's designee at any time prior to the scheduled event. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the City Recorder, must include all relevant information supporting the appeal, and must clearly identify the grounds for reconsideration. The City Manager or designee shall issue a written decision on the appeal within five (5) business days of receipt.

6-18-111. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Chapter.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Adopted by the City Council of Bountiful, Utah, this 28th day of October 2025.


Kendalyn Harris, Mayor

Attest.

Sophia Ward, City Recorder

