

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY CODE**  
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### MUSIC FESTIVALS

#### **SEC. 10-1. PURPOSE.**

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to Section 15.2-1200 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended for the purpose of providing necessary regulation for the conditioning of musical or entertainment festivals conducted in open spaces not within an enclosed structure and of any gathering or groups of individuals for the purpose of listening to or participating in entertainment which consists of primarily musical renditions conducted in open spaces not within an enclosed structure in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and inhabitants of Pittsylvania County.

#### **SEC. 10-2. DEFINITIONS.**

When used in this ordinance, the following words shall mean:

- A. Board of Supervisors shall mean the Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County, Virginia.
- B. Musicals or entertainment festival shall mean any gathering of groups or individuals for the purpose of listening to or participating in entertainment which consists primarily of musical renditions conducted in open spaces not within an enclosed structure, and/or those entertainments where the listeners are not within an enclosed structure and which has a continued existence on the premises for a period of time exceeding six (6) hours.

#### **SEC. 10-3. PERMIT.**

1. No person, firm, corporation, or partnership shall stage, promote or conduct any musical or entertainment festival in Pittsylvania County unless there shall have been first obtained from the Board a special entertainment permit for said festival.
2. Application for such special entertainment permits shall be in writing or forms provided for the purpose and filed in duplicate with the County Administrator at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of such festival. Such application shall have attached hereto and made a part thereof the plans, statements, approvals and other documents required by this ordinance. A copy of such applications shall be sent by certified mail by the County Administrator to each member of the board of Supervisors the day such applications are filed.
3. The Board of Supervisors shall act on such applications at their next regularly scheduled from the filing of the same. If granted, the permit shall be issued in writing on a form for the purpose and mailed by the County Administrator to the applicant at the address indicated. If denied, the refusal shall be in writing and the reasons for such denial stated therein, and mailed by the county Administrator to the applicant at the address indicated.

#### **SEC. 10-4 CONDITIONS.**

Such permit shall not be issued unless the following conditions are met and the following plans, statements, and approvals are submitted to the board of Supervisors with the application:

- A. Said application for special entertainment permit shall have attached to it a copy of the ticket or badge of admission to said festival, containing the date or dates and time or times of said festival, together with a statement by the applicant of the total number of tickets to be offered for sale and the best reasonable estimate by the applicant of the number of persons expected to be in attendance.
- B. A statement of the name and address of the promoters of the festival, the financial backing of the festival, and the names of all persons or groups who will perform at said festival.
- C. A statement of the location of the proposed festival, the name and address of the owner of the property on which said festival is to be held, and the nature and interest of the applicant therein.
- D. A plan for adequate sanitation facilities and garbage, trash and sewage disposals for the persons at the festival. This plan shall meet the requirements of all state and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations, and shall be approved by the County Director of Public Health.
- E. A plan for providing food, water and lodging for the persons at the festival. This plan shall meet the requirements of all state and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations, and shall be approved by the County Director of Public Health.
- F. A plan for adequate medical facilities for persons at the festival, approved by the County Director of Public Health.
- G. A plan for adequate parking facilities and traffic control in and around the festival area.
- H. A plan for adequate fire protection. This plan shall meet the requirements of all state and local statutes, ordinances and regulations, and shall be approved by the County's representative of the Virginia Division of Forestry.
- I. A statement specifying whether any outdoor lights or lighting is to be utilized, and if so, a plan showing the location of such lights and shielding devices or other equipment to prevent unreasonable glow beyond the property on which the festival is located.
- J. A statement that no music shall be played, either by mechanical device or live performance in such a manner that the sound emanating therefrom shall be unreasonably audible beyond the property on which the festival is located.

**SEC. 10-5. TWELVE HOUR LIMITATIONS.**

Music shall not be rendered nor entertainment provided for more than twelve (12) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour periods to be measured from the beginning of the first performance at said festival. However, all music performance shall start no earlier than 9:00 a.m. and end prior to 11:45 p.m. on the night of the performance. **(B.S.M. 10-15-91)**

**SEC. 10-6. PARENT OF GUARDIAN.**

No person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age shall be admitted to any festival unless accompanied by parent or guardian, the parent or guardian to remain with the said person at all times.

**SEC. 10-7. PERMISSION.**

No permit shall be issued under this ordinance unless the applicant shall furnish to the Board of Supervisors written permission for the Board of Supervisors, its lawful agents, or duly constituted law enforcement officers to go upon the property at any time for the purpose of determining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to revoke any permit issued under this ordinance upon non-compliance with any of its provisions and conditions.

**SEC. 10-8. VIOLATION.**

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred (\$300.00) dollars or by confinement in jail not exceeding thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense. The Board may bring suit in the Circuit Court of Pittsylvania County to restrain, enjoin, or otherwise prevent violation of this ordinance.

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