



CITY OF WEST CHICAGO BLOCK PARTY REQUEST



DATE OF APPLICATION: _____
APPLICATION MUST BE MADE 10 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT.

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

LOCATION OF BLOCK PARTY: _____

DATE AND TIME OF PARTY: _____

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

A BLOCK PARTY IS A NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STREETS INVOLVED. ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STREET MUST BE AWARE OF THE EVENT.

APPLICANT MUST CONTACT THE WEST CHICAGO STREET DEPARTMENT AT 293-2250 BETWEEN 7:30 A.M. AND 3:30 P.M. REGARDING BARRICADING THE STREET. BARRICADES WILL BE DROPPED OFF IN THE PARKWAY AT EACH END OF THE STREET TO BE CLOSED ON THE DAY OF THE PARTY. APPLICANT ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF BARRICADES AND AGREES TO PROTECT THEM FROM DAMAGE AND VANDALISM.

APPLICANT ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE TERM OF THIS PERMIT AND AGREES TO CLEAR THE AREA OF ANY REFUSE OR DEBRIS WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE ACTIVITIES.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

STREET MUST BE ACCESSIBLE TO PERMIT PASSAGE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

PARTIES CAN BE HELD BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 10 P.M. SUNDAY - THURSDAY, AND 10 A.M. TO 11 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. ALL AMPLIFIED MUSIC MUST CEASE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO CLOSING.

POLICE REVIEW: _____

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REVIEW: _____

CC: Police Dept.
Street Dept.

*** PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT**

By submitting this form electronically I acknowledge that I have read and understand the regulations governing Block Parties in West Chicago. I agree to abide by such regulations, which are included below. (Applications can also be submitted by U.S. mail to City of West Chicago, 475 Main Street, West Chicago, IL 60185 or by fax (630) 293-3028)

ARTICLE V. NOISE CONTROL REGULATION

Sec. 10-36. Definitions.

All terms used in this article not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in applicable publications of the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) or its successor body.

(Ord. No. 4375, § 1, 11-6-2000)

Sec. 10-37. Day hours.

No person shall cause or allow the emission of sound during daytime hours (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) from any noise source to any receiving residential land which exceeds sixty (60) dBA when measured at any point within such receiving residential land; provided, however, that point of measurement shall be on the property line of the receiving land.

(Ord. No. 4375, § 1, 11-6-2000)

Sec. 10-38. Night hours.

No person shall cause or allow the emission of sound during night time hours (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) from any noise source to any receiving residential land which exceeds fifty-five (55) dBA when measured at any point within such receiving residential land; provided, however, that point of measurement shall be on the property line of the receiving land.

(Ord. No. 4375, § 1, 11-6-2000)

Sec. 10-39. Variance permits.

Variance permits may be issued, in writing, by the city administrator, or his designee, to exceed the noise standards set forth in this article as follows:

(1) A temporary variance permit may be issued upon request, provided that the work producing such noise is necessary to promote the public health and/or welfare and reasonable steps are taken to keep such noise at the lowest possible practical level.

(2) A permanent variance permit may be issued upon request, following an investigation into the source of the noise, including what, if any, measures can be taken to reduce or eliminate the noise, the cost of any such measure, and an overall evaluation of the request, including the severity of the problem weighed against the cost of remedial measures, the benefit of the public and the impact on the noise source.

Any permanent variance may be revoked by the city administrator, or his designee, if there is a significant change in the facts from the time the original variance was granted and if, following the same procedures involved in issuing the original permit, the city administrator, or his designee, should conclude it is in the best interest of the public to revoke the permit.

(Ord. No. 4375, § 1, 11-6-2000)

Sec. 10-40. Exemptions.

The following uses, activities and/or noises are exempt from the provisions of this article:

(1) *Emergency operations.* Emergency short term operations which are necessary to protect the health and welfare of the citizens, such as emergency utility and street repair, fallen tree removal or emergency fuel oil delivery shall be exempt, provided that reasonable steps shall be taken by those in charge of such operations to minimize noise emanating from the same.

(2) *Noises required by law.* Any noise required specifically by law for the protection or safety of people or property, including, but not necessarily limited to, back-up alarms on trucks and police/fire/ambulance sirens.

(3) *Powered equipment.* Powered equipment such as lawn mowers, small lawn and garden tools, riding tractors and snow removal equipment which is necessary for the maintenance of property, is kept in good repair and maintenance, and which equipment, when new, would not comply with the standards set forth in this article.

- (4) *Community events.* Community events such as parades, festivals, sports events, 4 th of July celebrations and other events sanctioned or sponsored in whole or in part by local governments, schools or charitable or service organizations.
- (5) *Emergency notification.* Noise made to alert persons to the existence of an emergency, danger or attempted crime.
- (6) *Aircraft.* Aircraft operated in conformity with, or pursuant to, federal law and regulations and any aircraft operating under technical difficulties or in any kind of distress.
- (7) *Trains.* Noise resulting from normal operations of railroad trains.
- (8) *Church bells.* Noise made by churches using bells as part of their religious observance.

(Ord. No. 4375, § 1, 11-6-2000)

Sec. 10-41. Electronic sound systems.

The use within a dwelling unit of a stationary or portable electronic sound reinforcement and/or sound reproduction system utilizing loudspeakers, such that loud or raucous sounds radiate from the dwelling unit and are clearly audible from a distance of fifty (50) feet from such dwelling unit, or, if said dwelling unit is part of a multi-family building, are clearly audible beyond the perimeter of the dwelling unit, shall be prohibited during the following hours:

TABLE INSET:

Sunday	10:00 p.m.	-	Monday	7:00 a.m.
Monday	10:00 p.m.	-	Tuesday	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday	10:00 p.m.	-	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	10:00 p.m.	-	Thursday	7:00 a.m.
Thursday	10:00 p.m.	-	Friday	7:00 a.m.
Friday	12:00 midnight	-	Saturday	7:00 a.m.
Saturday	12:00 midnight	-	Sunday	7:00 a.m.

(Ord. No. 4375, § 1, 11-6-2000)

Sec. 10-42. Nuisance declared.

Violation of any of the provisions of this article is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

(Ord. No. 4375, § 1, 11-6-2000)

Sec. 10-43. Penalty.

Any person violating any provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine in an amount not less than those established in the schedule set forth below and not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00.):

<i>Description of Violation</i>	<i>Minimum Fine Amount</i>
First violation in any 365-day period.....	\$200.00
Second violation in any 365-day period.....	\$300.00
Third violation in any 365-day period.....	\$400.00
Fourth violation in any 365-day period.....	\$500.00
Fifth violation in any 365-day period.....	\$600.00

For purpose of this section, and in determining the appropriate amount due hereunder:

- a. A separate violation shall be deemed committed for each violation for which a citation is issued.
- b. All violations of any provision of this article that are committed by the same person, or any firm controlled by such person, shall be counted, regardless of whether or not the violations occur at the same location.
- c. Any finding or plea of guilty or no contest upon a citation shall be deemed a violation.

(Ord. No. 4375, § 1, 11-6-2000)

