



parks,  
recreation  
& facilities

**TIER I  
PUBLIC PARK AND SPACE**

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**TIER I APPLICATION FEE \$25.00  
EXPECTED ATTENDANCE 25-300**

**PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WHEN SUBMITTING COMPLETED APPLICATION**

(This is a transferable/non-refundable fee. If your event is permitted, the \$25.00 will be credited toward your permit fee.)

For uses of city property, there are typically: 1) fees charged for use of the area, 2) a security deposit required, and 3) insurance required. There may be fees due and applications required from other City Departments.

<b>TODAY'S DATE</b>		<b>ORGANIZATION NAME</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b> (Street/City/State/Zip)					
<b>CONTACT NAME(S)</b>			<b>TITLE(S)</b>		
<b>PHONE</b>		<b>PHONE</b>		<b>PHONE</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>		<b>EMAIL</b>		<b>EMAIL</b>	

<b>PARK AREA / PUBLIC SPACE REQUESTED</b>			
<b>EVENT DAY(S) &amp; DATE(S)</b>		<b>RAIN DAY(S) &amp; DATE(S)</b> (50% added fee)	
<b>OVERALL EVENT START &amp; END TIME</b> (When setup will begin until cleanup is expected to be complete.)		<b>EVENT START &amp; END TIME</b>	

<b>EVENT NAME</b>	<b>EXPECTED ATTENDANCE</b>

**DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:** Please be specific regarding the area of public space/park requested and describe EVENT in detail. Please include a detailed map of the proposed event area, proposed route &/or proposed street closures when applicable.

<b>IS THERE A REGISTRATION FEE/PLEDGES COLLECTED FOR THIS EVENT?</b>	Please check: _____ FEE _____ PLEDGES	
<b>IF YES FOR FEES, HOW MUCH?</b>	<b>FEE</b>	\$ _____
	<b>STUDENT FEE</b>	\$ _____

PLEASE CHECK OFF AND ANSWER: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FEE SCHEDULE / DEPT. INFORMATION IF YOU ANSWER YES		X-YES	X-NO	X-NOT SURE
*	Are you setting up a <b>canopy(s)</b> ? (10'x10' size or smaller) <b>How many?</b>			
*	Do you wish to set up a <b>tent(s)</b> and/or <b>stage(s)</b> ? A canopy/tent or stage larger than 10'x10' needs a <b>Temporary Tent or Stage Permit</b> issued by Building Inspections. For permit application, please go to: <a href="https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/376697a8-b6ac-4a4c-babc-9dbcf1e61eb8">https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/376697a8-b6ac-4a4c-babc-9dbcf1e61eb8</a> or contact the Permitting and Inspections Department at <a href="mailto:buildinginspections@portlandmaine.gov">buildinginspections@portlandmaine.gov</a> or 207-874-8703 for more information. PLEASE apply at least 30 days before your event. <b>Tent/Stage Size(s):</b> <b>Exact Location(s) of Tent/Stage Placement Requested:</b> *** In order to drive tent stakes into the ground, DIG SAFE must be contacted: 888-344-7233. ***			
*	Will you be setting up <b>tables and/or chairs</b> ? How many tables: chairs:			
*	Are other items or equipment being placed on City property? (i.e. Moon Bounce, Dunk Tank, Radio Station Van, Helium Tank, etc.) Please List:			
*	Will there be <b>refreshments</b> at the event? Do you wish to <b>sell food</b> ? If so, you will need approval from the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department and possibly a <b>Temporary Food Service License</b> from the Business Licensing Office. PLEASE provide them at least 30 days advance notice (207-874-8557). <b>List food and drink / Food Trucks, etc.:</b> PLEASE NOTE: A Temporary Food Service License is NOT needed when: 1. Food Vendors have a current City of Portland Food License 2. Just pre-packaged refreshments, or food & drink items are purchased or donated from a licensed establishment 3. Bottled water / water is served A TFSL is needed when food vendors are not licensed or when food is being prepared and cooked at the event.			
*	Do you wish to sell <b>non-food items</b> (like T-shirts, crafts, cd's, etc.)? If so, please apply for a <b>Street Goods Vendor License(s)</b> at the Business Licensing Office (207-874-8557) – 30 day notice <b>List items you wish to sell:</b>			
*	Do you wish to sell or provide <b>Alcohol</b> ? If <b>yes</b> , you must complete the application for a <b>Liquor License</b> specific to your event through the State of Maine and submit the application to the City of Portland Business office first. Application will need City of Portland's approval prior to going to the State. Questions? please contact the Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement at (207) 624-7220/email- <a href="mailto:MaineLiquor@maine.gov">MaineLiquor@maine.gov</a> .			
*	Are you setting up a <b>PA (sound) system</b> ? Are you planning on having <b>Amplified Music? Band? DJ? Boom Box?</b> If so, your event may require an <b>Entertainment License</b> . PAFD will advise upon review of your application. Amplified speech (i.e. Press Conference) does not require the license, however, a Sound Security Deposit may be required. There are time restrictions for amplified music/speech in Downtown Parks & Squares: limited to 11:45am – 1:15pm and 1 hour between 5pm - 8pm.			
*	Will your event require <b>electricity</b> ? Electricity is available at Deering Oaks Park, Monument Square, Congress Square, Tommy's Park, Post Office Park, Payson Park, Preble Street Grass Area, Eastern Prom, Fort Allen Park, and Lincoln Park. A \$40 activation fee is required.			
*	Are you planning on bringing a <b>Grill for a Barbecue</b> ? Grilling is subject to weather conditions and possibly Fire Dept. review.			
*	Will the event require <b>reserved parking spaces / parking meters</b> ? How many? "No Parking" signs may be purchased at the PAFD Office, 212 Canco Rd.			
*	Will your event need <b>safety vests, signs, barricades and/or cones</b> ? <b>Please list what you would like to borrow/rent:</b> Limited safety vests, cones & barricades may be borrowed/rented from PAFD Office. Traffic signs may be borrowed/rented from Public Works if needed (874-8493).			
*	Will your event require <b>street closures</b> ? (Please be specific under "Description of Event") Will your event affect <b>METRO BUS ROUTES</b> ?			
*	Will your event require <b>Police</b> assistance? An event such as a road race, march or parade in the street, would typically require police assistance. To reserve & hire an Officer(s) to be on site at your event, please visit: <a href="https://portlandmaine-portal.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/26740">https://portlandmaine-portal.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/26740</a>			
*	Will your event require <b>Fire/EMS</b> assistance? (For a large walk/race, it may be required.) To hire or inquire about hiring city Fire/EMS staff to be on site, please email <a href="mailto:fireprevention@portlandmaine.gov">fireprevention@portlandmaine.gov</a> well in advance of the event. For general questions, you may also call 874-8400.			
*	Will your event require <b>Parking Control</b> assistance? To hire a Parking Control Officer(s) to be on site at your event, please call 874-8910 well in advance to arrange.			
<b>Fees for Police, Fire/EMS or Parking Control Staff will be invoiced by those individual departments &amp; should be paid to them directly.</b>				
*	Will your event require <b>portable-restroom</b> rental(s) or need existing porta-restrooms cleaned? (Some of the parks already have porta-restrooms. Event participants may use these, but a \$25			

fee is assessed for events where attendance is 150 or more.) Porta-restrooms may be rented from any of the local companies. .			
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**INSURANCE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION**

* Will your event require liability Insurance? (Commercial liability insurance is required for a walkathon, race, festival, press conference, concert, etc. Product liability insurance is also required if the event has been approved for serving food.)			
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♦ If you answered YES, you shall procure and maintain occurrence-based Commercial General Liability and Product Liability Insurance, when required, in an amount not less than Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) per occurrence for bodily injury, death and property damage. You shall name the City of Portland as an additional insured or shall obtain a general liability extension endorsement, for coverage only in those areas where government immunity has been expressly waived by 14 M.R.S. A. § 8104-A, as limited by § 8104-B, and § 8111. The terms of this permit and the insurance coverage shall not be deemed a waiver of any defenses, immunities or limitations of liability or damages available to the CITY under the Maine Tort Claims Act, other Maine statutory law, judicial precedent, common law, or any other defenses, immunities or limitations of liability available to the City. You shall also be responsible for any and all deductibles and/or self-insured retentions.

♦ Both the **Certificate of Insurance** and **Additional Insured Endorsement** shall be sent to [rgroh@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:rgroh@portlandmaine.gov) and must state that the policy is endorsed to name the City of Portland as an additional insured pursuant to the date of the event (and rain date).

**PUBLIC ASSEMBLY FACILITIES DIVISION POLICIES**

**EVENT REVIEW**

The Parks, Rec and Facilities Office holds a monthly meeting where proposed events are discussed and reviewed by City Departments. For some events, organizers will be asked to present before the committee. Some potential factors may necessitate your event receiving City Council approval.

**ELECTRICITY**

All cords in the public way must be covered by rugs, mats or orange cones to avoid public hazard. If weather is inclement (drizzle, rain, snow, etc.) we require that you **not use** electricity, unless all connections and equipment are covered and protected from the elements. If a generator is used, please take all necessary measures to ensure safe operation. Bring a fire extinguisher, set generator up away from activities (and combustibles), store fuel source away from the generator and keep children away from the generator.

**BARBECUES - GAS GRILLS ONLY**

Only GAS GRILLS are allowed in parks/public spaces – i.e. No Charcoal Grills or open burning. Barbecuing must first be approved by PAFD Office and is subject to weather conditions, and possible further review by the Fire Dept. Grills must be set up away from children’s activities. You are required to have a fire extinguisher with in the grilling area.

**PORTA-RESTROOMS / BATHROOM FACILITIES**

Porta-Restrooms are required for large events and events where refreshments are being served. Some of Portland’s parks already have portable restrooms from on site (\*Preble Street Grass Area at the Preble Street Parking Lot – across from Hannaford’s, \*Entrance to Dyer’s Flat – beside Payson Park, \*Deering Oaks Park – Playground + Ravine, \*East End Beach - Winter & Early Spring: Just EEB.) If over 150 people are expected to attend the event, a \$25 user fee is required (paid to PAFD). If extra units are rented by the organizer, then no additional user fee is assessed. Porta-restrooms are cleaned M, W, & F. If you would like to guarantee that they are cleaned just prior to your event, then you need to call a local portable-restroom company.

**TRASH**

All groups must abide by our Carry In/ Carry Out Policy. Please bring extra trash bags and/or trash receptacles and remove all trash. Do not use existing trash barrels or the metal liners inside. You will need to haul all of your trash out of the park/public space or forfeit the security deposit(s). Please recycle whenever possible, (please do not use Styrofoam - it is NOT recyclable). The area will be checked following your event; if the park is clean and conditions for use adhered to, your security deposit will be returned to you. Thank you in advance!

**MARKING OF GROUNDS**

Please DO NOT mark city property in any permanent way. DO NOT use SPRAY PAINT or SPRAY CHALK. DO NOT STAPLE or NAIL anything to trees. Children’s Art Chalk can be used on hardscape areas with permission from PAFD Office. Tape may also be used. If markings remain for more than a few rain storms, event organizers are responsible for removing them. If city staff or contractors need to remove the markings, event organizers are responsible for the cost of staff time and materials. You may also place signs on stakes in the grass areas bordering trails/race routes (when applicable). Please remove all signage immediately following the event.

**USE OF CANDLES**

It is preferred that LED lighted candles or glow sticks are used. If flammable candles are used this may need to be approved by the Portland Fire Department, please make sure all candles have drip protectors to prevent wax from dripping on hardscape surfaces, which may cause permanent stains/damage. Please make sure all candles are extinguished before being thrown away. Please collect all spent candles so there is no trash left behind. Please take safety precautions: bring a fire extinguisher, gallon of water, etc. in case of fire. **Any damage** (dripped wax absorbed into hardscape causing stains, etc.) **will result in a forfeiture of your security deposit.**

**ADA COMPLIANCE**

Event organizers must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Maine Human Rights Act (MHRA), including maintaining the permitted use area and all public rights-of-way accessible during the entirety of the permitted event. In the event the permitted area is rendered inaccessible to disabled persons, and/or by request of PAFD staff, the organizer shall act immediately to provide accessibility. All requests to provide interpretive services shall be the responsibility of the organizer to provide and pay for such services. The organizer shall defend, indemnify, and hold the City harmless from any and all liability and damages resulting from alleged violations of the ADA and/or MHRA.

**FIREWORKS**

Organizers wishing to have fireworks as part of their event must contact the Portland Fire Department directly. Permits will need to be obtained through the Portland Fire Department, the State of Maine and possibly through the US Coast Guard.

**PARKING ON GRASS AREAS / SIDEWALKS / ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES**

Vehicles are prohibited from parking on grass areas/sidewalks/park streets (unless specifically approved by city staff). \$25 will be deducted from your security deposit for each vehicle parked on grass/sidewalk areas or vehicles parked illegally. **Any tire ruts/damage to the grass areas will result in a forfeiture of your security deposit.**

**RESERVED PARKING**

To reserve parking for your event, please contact the PAFD Office (808-5400 x0). Staff will review your request and can issue you "No Parking" signs (\$32.50/each\*). You will need to label signs and tape them to meters or signposts AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR EVENT. (NOTE: If the event is on a Sunday or Monday, NP Signs may need to be posted on the preceding Friday by Noon.) Please do not cover up coin slots on meters. If the reserved parking area has no actual parking meters, you may need to tape signs to sign posts, utility poles, trees, or orange cones (placed on the sidewalk beside the street). Please make sure signs are removed once the event is complete.

**ALCOHOL / SMOKE-FREE ZONES**

By city ordinance, smoking a cigar, cigarette, marijuana, pipe, electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic pipe, or other similar product that relies on vaporization or aerosolization, is prohibited at and within 20 feet of the following outdoor recreation and event areas: downtown squares and plazas, trails, parks, playgrounds, beaches, and athletic facilities. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited in public spaces unless specifically approved by City Council. Please inform all participants / attendees.

**AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY**

Outdoor events with amplified sound may require an Entertainment License from the PAFD Office. If the Police Dept./City Staff receive noise complaints, they will respond accordingly. Please set the PA System up with speakers facing away from businesses/residences to lessen impact. Please keep volume levels low out of consideration for nearby residents and businesses. The Permittee (organizer) shall not allow the sound emanating from the event to exceed an A-weighted 85 decibels / C-weighted 95 decibels. One verbal warning shall be issued if the sound has been found to have exceeded those limits. The warning may be given to the sound board operator or the organizer/organizer's designee. If the decibel limit is found to have been exceeded a second time during the same event, the entertainment license (or permission to use a bullhorn/PA system) shall be immediately suspended, the PA system / amplification / bullhorn turned off, and the sound security deposit forfeited.

**CANCELATION POLICY**

Events must be canceled with PAFD prior to the event date in order to be eligible for a refund. If canceled within 2 weeks of the scheduled event date, a \$75 cancellation fee may be charged.

**NOTIFICATION**

Please keep a copy of your event permit on site at all times. City staff may require proof of permit. If there are members of the public in the reserved space upon arrival, please present the permit as proof of reservation & approved usage. If you need assistance, please contact the Police Department at (207) 874-8574.. You may put up temporary A-frame signs to alert the public to your event or place signage on orange cones, etc. Signs are to be up DAY OF EVENT ONLY. Please remove all signage immediately following the event. Please call Portland Police Dept. (207-874-8574) on the day of your event to remind them it is taking place. Please notify any nearby neighborhoods, businesses, including restaurants that may have tables out for dining, to alert them to your event.

**STREET CLOSURE NOTIFICATION**

Should an event involve a Street Closure, lasting longer than an hour, PAFD Office requires organizers to give advanced notification to area businesses, residents and bus companies (in the form of a "Street Closure Sign Off Sheet"). If an event impacts METRO Buses, the organizer (in advance) must discuss detour plans with METRO.

**REVOCABLE PERMIT**

- ◆ The City reserves the unconditional right to control or cancel events to protect and/or prohibit damage to public property.
- ◆ The City reserves the unconditional right to revoke or revise an issued permit.
- ◆ Police or City Staff on site may use their discretion to revise conditions of use.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE ABOVE POLICIES**

**TYPE INITIALS**

**DATE**

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK & LIABILITY**

Users of the area agree to accept the grounds in an "as is" condition and shall be responsible for all risk and liability in using the park/public space area for the said event. By returning this form (should permission be granted to use city property), the above parties agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Portland, its employees and agents, from and against all claims arising out of activities during said event.

<b>I have read the Assumption of Risk &amp; Liability Agreement</b>	<b>TYPE INITIALS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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**PLEASE INITIAL & DATE HIGH-LIGHTED YELLOW BOXES ABOVE.**

**FEE SCHEDULE – UPDATED DECEMBER 2022**

**Fees are tiered and assigned based on the level of demand placed on City resources and impact on City infrastructure.**

Simple Event (no registration fee): \$75/hour	Electricity (activation/deactivation) Fee: \$40/flat
Event with registration or pledges & attendance 25 - 300: \$125/hr.	Porta Restroom User Fee (if attendance is 150+): \$25
Event with registration or pledges & attendance 301+: \$225/hr.	Entertainment License: \$50
Film/Photo Shoot: \$150/day	Barricades: \$5/ea. Rental Fee + \$25/ea. Security Deposit
Public Space/Park Security Deposit: \$100 - \$1000	Bike Racks: \$10/ea. Rental Fee + \$25/ea. Security Deposit
Sound Security Deposit: \$100 - \$1,000	Flashing Lights: \$10/ea. Rental Fee + \$40/ea. Security Deposit
Impact/Street Closure Fee (variable based on impact): \$100-\$500	Cones: \$2/ea. Rental Fee + \$15/ea. Security Deposit
Staff Fee (on site event support): \$37/hr.	Safety Vests: \$15/ea. Security Deposit
Administrative Fee (event coordination support): \$40/hr. (or more)	Keys: \$50/ea. Security Deposit
"No Parking" Signs: \$32.50/ea.	Equipment Delivery Fee: \$100 (or more)
Event Cancellation Fee: \$75	Fortification Fee: TBD

**CITY OF PORTLAND ACCEPTS CASH, CHECK, MONEY ORDER AND CREDIT / DEBIT CARDS FOR PAYMENT**

Checks should be made payable to City of Portland  
There will be a 2.65% processing fee added to all Debit / Credit Card transactions.

**TOTAL AMOUNT(S) DUE TO PUBLIC ASSEMBLY FACILITIES DIVISION** (Please make all security deposit checks out separately)

Permit Fee for use of area:	\$	Entertainment License Fee:	\$
Number of Hours of Use: <b>Approx.</b>		Equipment Rental Fee:	\$
Staff Fee (on site event support):	\$	Public Space / Park / Sound Security Deposit:	\$
Admin. Fee (event coordination support):	\$	Borrowed / Rented Equipment Deposit:	\$
Electricity Fee (activation/deactivation):	\$	Additional Fees:	\$
Impact/Street Closure Fee (variable based on impact):	\$	(Porta-Restroom User Fee, "No Parking" Signs, etc.)	

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

APPLICATION FEE:	\$ 25.00	PERMIT FEE:	\$	SECURITY DEPOSIT:	\$	INSURANCE NEEDED?	Y / N
DATE RECEIVED:		DATE RECEIVED:		DATE RECEIVED:		DATE RECEIVED:	

**Merchandise** -Do you wish to sell **non-food items** (like T-shirts, crafts, cd's, etc.)? If so, please apply for a **Street Goods Vendor License(s)** at the Business Licensing Office (207-874-8557)  
<https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/9ef5d795-ac26-4794-9e38-c2f0bb9c9f04?cache=1800>

**Tents/Stages** -Do you wish to set up a **tent(s)** and/or **stage(s)**? A canopy/tent or stage larger than 10'x10' needs a **Temporary Tent or Stage Permit** issued by Building Inspections  
<https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/376697a8-b6ac-4a4c-babc-9dbcf1e61eb8>

**Alcohol sales** -Do you wish to sell **alcohol**? You must complete the application for a **Liquor License** specific to your event through the State of Maine and submit application to the City of Portland Business Licensing office first. Application will need City of Portland's approval prior to going to the State. Questions? please contact the Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement at (207) 624-7220/email- [MaineLiquor@maine.gov](mailto:MaineLiquor@maine.gov).  
<https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bablo/liquor-licensing/license-and-permit-applications>

**Food Sales** - Will there be food vendors? If so, you must apply for a **Temporary Food Service License** from the Business Licensing Office. <https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/12f35a2a-e2a4-4d87-bf05-9ec89545e996?cache=1800>

**Police** - Will your event require **Police** assistance? <https://portlandmaine-portal.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/26740>

**Fire/EMS** - Will your event require **Fire/EMS** assistance? Email Fire Department - [fireprevention@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:fireprevention@portlandmaine.gov)