

MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE

Adopted March 11, 1989

WHEREAS, the Inhabitants of the Town of Waterboro are deeply concerned about the tremendous crowds which have attended outdoor pageants, amusement shows, theatrical performances, including music festivals and exhibitions, in various parts of the United States and the results thereof and

WHEREAS, said events have led to serious problems in the way of inadequate toilet, waste disposal, potable water, and first aid facilities, obstructions and damages to roads and highways, violations of liquor and drug laws and destruction of public and private property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the following ordinance is passed in the interest of promoting the general welfare, preventing disease, promoting health and providing for the public safety, pursuant to 30 M.R.S.A. s2151

A. PERMIT REQUIRED: APPLICATION AND NOTICE PROCEDURES

No person, corporation, partnership, association or group of any kind shall sponsor, promote or conduct a mass gathering, which shall be deemed to mean any gathering held outdoors with the intent to attract the continued attendance of 1,000 or more persons for five (5) or more hours, without first procuring from the Municipal Officers, a license therefor. No license shall be granted by the Municipal Officers unless the applicant satisfies the Municipal Officers that the requirements of the within Ordinance are met, and that the facilities required shall be available for such events in the area to be used and no events shall be held unless facilities are available. The Municipal Officers shall hold a Public Hearing for consideration of applications for a Mass Gathering License, after giving public notice at the applicant's expense, which shall be prepaid, stating the name and business address of the applicant, the location, date of the mass gathering, and the time and place of Hearing, printed at least seven days prior to the date of Hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Waterboro. The applicant shall file with his application adequate proof that he has authority from any land-owner to use his property and shall furnish a plan showing the size of the area to be used, with designated locations for drinking, toilet and washing facilities, waste containers, first aid facilities and off street parking.

WATER SUPPLY Water supplies of potable quality shall be reasonable spaced throughout the area to be used with a minimum amount available of one (1) gallon per day per person. Said requirement shall be waived if adequate Town water supply under pressure is available; however, each water supply facility shall have adequate spigots with cup dispensers. Such water may be batch chlorinated in a tank to provide a chlorine residual of at least 5 parts per million.

SANITATION: Toilets should be provided at a rate of one for each 150 persons. Urinals and sanistands of "Porta-Johns" may be substituted for the required number of toilets; twenty-four inches of through urinals in a men's room shall be considered the equivalent of one urinal or toilet. Sanitary facilities should be conveniently accessible and well identified. Each toilet should have a continuous supply of toilet paper. Service buildings or rooms housing necessary plumbing fixtures will be constructed of easily cleanable, nonabsorbent materials. Separate service buildings or rooms containing sanitary facilities, clearly marked, will be provided for each sex and each toilet room should be provided with self-closing door to insure privacy or the entrance will be screened so that the interior is not visible from the outside. At each toilet facility, there shall be hand-washing facilities, which may utilize stored water with outlets equipped with spring operated spigots, with adequate provision for disposal of waste water to soakage pits and with soap dispensers available. Adequate metal, wood or plastic containers with a height of at least 2 feet and a diameter of at least 2 feet shall be spaced in the area to take care of solid waste and garbage, with at least one container for each reasonable anticipated 100 persons. Within 24 hours after the close of the events such waste material shall be removed to a public dump or other licensed solid waste facility.

SAFETY: A first aid facility shall be provided on the grounds with at least one ambulance in attendance with minimum staffing of two Registered Nurses and Emergency Medical Technician, respectively. Off the street parking facilities shall be furnished with at least one car space with adequate access ways for each six persons reasonable expected to attend. A uniformed police officer or constable shall be provided to direct traffic to and from public ways with at least one officer for each reasonable expected 500 persons.

SOUND: The maximum permissible sound pressure level of any continuous, regular, frequent, intermittent or periodic source of noise produced by any activity regulated by this Ordinance shall be established by time period as listed below. Sound pressure levels shall be measured at all major lot lines, at a height of at least four (4) feet above the surface of the ground, with noise level averaged over a fifteen minute period, exclusive of ambient noise level.

SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL LIMITS MEASURED IN dB(A)'s

7 A.M.	8 P.M.	8 P.M.	7 A.M.
	55		45

BOND: Prior to the issuance of the license and the holding of the event, the applicant shall furnish a corporate surety bond from a company authorized to do business in Maine insuring that the grounds will be cleaned of waste no later than 48 hours after the event. Damages to public or private property arising out of or in connection with the event shall be paid from the surety bond, within 30 days of the time when the amount and the causation of such damages has been established. The surety bond shall be in the amount of \$5,000. for each reasonable expected 1,000 persons in attendance.

APPEAL: Any licensee who has requested a permit and has been denied or whose permit has been revoked or suspended, may, within 30 days of the denial, suspension or revocation, appeal the decision to York County Superior Court under Rule 80-B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

SEVERABILITY: The invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not invalidate any other part thereof.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption of the same by the Town of Waterboro.

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- Surety Bond: \$5,000. per 1,000 people
- Landowner Authorization
- First Aid Station: 2 Registered Nurses
- Ambulance: 1 Emergency Medical Technician
- Police Officers: 1 Officer per 500 people
- Waste Receptacles: 1 container per 100 people
- Potable Water: 1 gallon per day per person
- Toilet Facilities: 1 per 150 people
- Parking: 1 car space for each 6 persons
- Sound: 45 to 55 decibels per perimeter