

The City of Pass Christian appreciates your efforts in contributing to the heart and vitality of the City through your proposed Special Event. We recognize that the City of Pass Christian is fortunate to have many varied and beautiful parks and friendly streets and neighborhoods, all of which provide wonderful venues at which to hold Special Events.

A special event is defined as one or more of the following situations occur: (1) Outdoor entertainment is being offered; (2) An admission fee is charged; (3) Vendors sell food products/wares; (4) Carnival games/amusement rides are offered; (5) Attendance is double the estimated population in the area where the event is to be held; (6) Purpose of event is a fundraiser; (7) It interferes with parking, safe movement of pedestrians and/or vehicular traffic in the area; (8) Alcoholic beverages are sold; or (9) a sports tournament is involved.

To preserve the City's natural resources, while still offering enjoyment, the City may permit the temporary use of public properties or roadways for special activities. The City coordinates the review of these events with various City departments to ensure that the events are conducted safely.

The City Clerk's Office will distribute copies of your application to all City departments or agencies affected by your event. These department or agencies will contact you individually **only** if they have specific questions or concerns about your event.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Special Events Policy is to promote uniform procedures to regulate and permit special event activity at locations under the jurisdiction of the City of Pass Christian. The Special Event Application is a starting point for any group or individual who wishes to hold an event, parade, assembly, festival, or similar affair, within the municipal limits of the City of Pass Christian.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION REQUIRED: This Policy Statement on Special Events covers all special events. Any organization wishing to sponsor or hold a Special Event in the City of Pass Christian that takes place on public lands or lands that are controlled by the City of Pass Christian will be required to complete the City of Pass Christian Special Event Application.

A Special Event within the City of Pass Christian that will be conducted on the streets, parks or other public area is required to be approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Applications to conduct a Special Event must be made in writing to the Office of the City Clerk. **The Mayor and Board of Aldermen meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month; applications must be received no later than noon on Wednesday prior to Tuesday's meeting.** Applications are available from the City Clerk's Office and via the City's website at www.pass-christian.com.

The City will provide a complete review of any special event application, including consultation with the applicant as may be reasonably necessary to resolve problems and/or concerns.

Sponsors of Special Events should be aware that noise generated by the event could have an impact on the neighborhoods near the event site. Sponsors must be considerate of the neighborhood and be aware of the City Noise Ordinance.

As an event organizer, you must consider the availability of rest room facilities during this event. Consideration should be made regarding the type of event, the length of time it will be held, the number of people, etc. You must determine the rest room facilities in the immediate area of the event venue and then identify the potential need for portable facilities. Remember to identify accessible facilities for ADA requirements as well.

IMPLEMENTATION

Eligibility Requirements: The application or representative of any business, group or organization that seeks approval to conduct a special event, must be 21 years of age or older and officially designated as the agent of the sponsoring business, group, or organization.

Application Procedure: A Special Event Application must be received in the City Clerk's Office no later than ninety (90) days before the first day of the event. An incomplete application may result in denial of your request. We ask that applicants begin the process as early as possible in order that proper approvals and deadlines are met.

Please submit the following information:

- Signed application

- Map (sketch) of event site, detailing street closures, parking requirements, etc.

- Schedule of Event

- Proof of insurance/indemnification (naming City of Pass Christian as an additional insured")

Mapped Routes

A detailed map or diagram indicating the specific locations and layout of the event must be submitted. This should also include any proposed street closures, proposed route and direction of route including all turns and the number of traffic lanes to be used, if applicable.

Routes for special events must be submitted with the license application, regardless of historical precedent. Proposed routes may be altered at the discretion of the Police Department and the Department of Public Works. In the event that the organizer or sponsor of any special event deviates from the route submitted without the approval of the city, the organizer or sponsor of such special event may be denied a permit for any special event for the following calendar year.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: Due to the vast number of different types of events, along with the anticipated crowd sizes, at a minimum, all event holders should have knowledge of 911 access and someone who is certified in First Aid/CPR. Also, basic First Aid Stations and/or kits should be on site.

LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: To comply with the City's insurance liability carrier, the City must require that all sponsors of a special event carry liability insurance with coverage of at least \$500,000. An event sponsor must provide a valid certificate of insurance naming the City of Pass Christian as an additional named insured party on the policy and subrogation waived.

An event sponsor may request that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen waive the insurance coverage for an event classified as Low Hazard. A Low Hazard event is a small gathering or ceremony involving not more than 50 people, who are passively participating in the activity, without any physical activity by participants or severe exposure to spectators, and no City services are required. An event sponsor of a Low Hazard event must sign a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement as part of its application process.

City Services: All costs are the responsibility of the permit holder. The Pass Christian Police Department reviews and determines which police services the event requires, and if necessary, the amount of security services for the event. Each City Department will list their cost on the Departmental Use form of the application packet.

CLEAN UP: Applicants are responsible for clean up and repairs. Applicants who fail to clean up and repair damages to the Event Area may be billed for City services and such failure will be considered for future applications.

WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF CITY APPROVAL: It is expected that the event coordinator or a representative be present at the Board of Aldermen meeting to answer any possible questions that the officials or staff may have regarding your proposed event. **Please note, if questions arise at the Board of Aldermen meeting, and a representative is not present, your request may be denied.**

Upon approval of the Special Event Application, a written confirmation as to the action of the Board of Aldermen will be forwarded to the individual or organization requesting the event by the City Clerk's Office. This confirmation will outline any special conditions that must be met if the event is to be held.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE, WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS POLICY AT (228) 452-3311.

**CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN
SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION**

City Clerk's Office* 200 West Scenic Drive*Pass Christian, MS 39571

Date Received By Clerk's Office: _____ Time: _____ By: _____

Please complete this application in accordance with the City of PASS CHRISTIAN Special Events Policy, and return it to the Office of the City Clerk at least 90 calendar days before the first day of the event.

Sponsoring Organization's Legal Name: _____

Organization Address _____

Organization Agent: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Work Home _____ During event _____

Agent's Address _____

Agent's E-Mail Address _____

Event Name: _____

Please give a brief description of the proposed special event: _____

Event Day(s) & Date(s): _____ Event Time(s): _____

Set-Up Date & Time: _____ Tear-Down Date & Time: _____

Event Location: _____

ANNUAL EVENT: Is this event expected to occur next year? YES NO

How many years has this event occurred? _____

MAP: (a) If your event will use streets or sidewalks (for a parade, run, etc.) or will use multiple locations, please attach a complete map showing the assembly and dispersal locations and the route plan. (b) Show any streets or parking lots that you are requesting to be blocked off, and location of vendors, if any. A final map, if different, must be provided seven (7) days before the event. (c) Please show an emergency vehicle access lane.

STREET CLOSURES: Start Date/ Time: _____ through Date/ Time _____

MUNICIPAL STAGE: Yes No **See separate stage use policy**

Use of stage in War Memorial Park is allowed only in designated area that is located West of Gazebo behind the Hurricane Camille monument.

RESERVED PARKING: Are you requesting reserved parking? YES NO

If yes, list the number of street spaces, City lots or locations where parking is requested:

VENDORS: Food Concessions? YES NO

Other Vendors? YES NO

DO YOU PLAN TO HAVE ALCOHOL SOLD/SERVED AT THIS EVENT? YES NO

If yes, are liquor license **and** liquor liability insurance attached? YES NO

If yes, what time?

Until _____

ENTERTAINMENT: Are there any entertainment features related to this event? YES NO

If yes, provide an attachment listing all bands/performers, type of entertainment, and performance schedule.

ATTENDANCE: What is the expected (estimated) attendance for this event? _____

AMUSEMENT: Do you plan to have any amusement or carnival rides? YES NO

If yes, you are required to obtain a permit through the City Clerk's Office.

REST ROOMS: Are you planning to provide portable rest rooms at the event? YES NO

If yes, how many? _____

As an event organizer, you must consider the availability of rest room facilities during this event. Consideration should be made regarding the type of event, the length of time it will be held, the number of people, etc. You must determine the rest room facilities in the immediate area of the event venue and then identify the potential need for portable facilities. Remember to identify accessible facilities for ADA requirements as well.

OTHER REQUESTS: (i.e., Police Department assistance, Fire Dept., street closures, electrical, etc.)

INSURANCE: All sponsors of special events must carry liability insurance with coverage of at least \$500,000. An event sponsor must provide a valid certificate of insurance naming the City of Pass Christian as an additional insured party with subrogation waived on the policy. A sponsor of a Low Hazard event may request that Board of Aldermen waive the insurance requirement and execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement. This event qualifies consideration for Low Hazard because:

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE: I understand and agree on behalf of the sponsoring organization that: A Certificate of Insurance must be provided which names the City of Pass Christian as an additional named insured party on the policy or I am requesting that Board of Aldermen waive the insurance requirement for this Low Hazard Event as identified in paragraph above related to insurance, and I have executed the Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement on behalf of the event sponsor.

All food vendors must be approved by the Harrison County Health Department, and each food or other vendor must provide the City of Pass Christian with a Certificate of Insurance which names the City of Pass Christian as an additional named insured party on the policy.

The approval of this special event may include additional requirements or limitations, based on the City's review of this application. Applicants who fail to clean up and repair damages to the Event Area may be billed for City services and such failure will be considered for future applications.

As the duly authorized agent of the sponsoring organization, I am applying for approval of this Special Event, affirm the above understandings, and agree that my sponsoring organization will comply with the terms of the written confirmation of approval, and all other City requirements, ordinances and other laws, which apply to this Special Event. By signing this Special Event Application, I declare I am 21 years of age or older.

Date

Signature of Sponsoring Organization's Agent

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION at least ninety (90) days before the first day of the event to:
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE – 200 West Scenic Drive, - PASS CHRISTIAN, MS. 39571.**

Event Title: _____

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY: Please contact applicant directly with any questions or concerns. Sign and return to the City Clerk's Office, as soon as possible.

Approvals noted below, by departments, indicate they have been made aware of the request and the reasonability of their department has been met.

Police Dept.: Recommend Approval: YES NO Est. Economic Impact: \$

Fire Dept.: Recommend Approval: YES NO Est. Economic Impact: \$

Public Works: Recommend Approval: YES NO Est. Economic Impact: \$

Traffic Eng.: Recommend Approval: YES NO Est. Economic Impact: \$

Parks/REG: Recommend Approval: YES NO Est. Economic Impact: \$

Have businesses been notified for street closures?: YES NO

Reason for disapproval _____

Any special requirements/conditions _____

Insurance /Indemnification Received: _____

Insurance Approved: _____

Board of Aldermen Approved: _____ **Denied:** _____

Approval/ Denial Mailed: _____

Pass Christian Event Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement

The undersigned User hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Pass Christian, its director, officers, employees and agents, from and, or against any loss, expense, claim, liability, or asserted liability incurred as a result of any and all claims, proceedings, or actions (whether brought by private party or related to enforcement action or disputed) for bodily injury, death, property damage, abatement or remediation, environmental damage or impairment of any other injury or damage arising or resulting from or relating directly or indirectly from activities the User and the User's members, invitees, or guests may engage in while utilizing any and or all City streets, facilities or adjacent areas in the City of Pass Christian.

User Name

Date:

Witness