

CHAPTER 7

Street Use Permits

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- (a) **Purpose.** The streets in possession of the City are primarily for the use of the public in the ordinary way. However, under proper circumstances, the City may grant a permit for street use, subject to reasonable municipal regulation and control. Therefore, this Chapter is enacted to regulate and control the use of streets pursuant to a Street Use Permit to the end that the health, safety and general welfare of the public and the good order of the City can be protected and maintained.
- (b) **Application.** A written application for a Street Use Permit by persons or groups desiring the same shall be made on a form provided by the City Clerk-Treasurer and shall be filed with the City Clerk-Treasurer. The application shall set forth the following information regarding the proposed street use:
- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant or applicants.
 - (2) If the proposed street use is to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by an organization, the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the organization and of the authorizing responsible heads of such organization.
 - (3) The name, address and telephone number of the persons or persons who will be responsible for conducting the proposed use of the street.
 - (4) The date and duration of time for which the requested use of the street is proposed to occur
 - (5) An accurate description of that portion of the street proposed to be used.
 - (6) The approximate number of persons for whom use of the proposed street area is requested.
 - (7) The proposed use, described in detail, for which the Street Use Permit is requested.

- (c) **Representative at Meeting.** The person or representative of the group making application for a Street Use Permit shall be present when the Common Council gives consideration to the granting of said Street Use Permit to provide any additional information which is reasonably necessary to make a fair determination as to whether a permit should be granted.
- (d) **Review by Chief of Police and Director of Public Works.** Before any application for a Street Use Permit is considered by the Common Council, the application shall be reviewed by the Director of Public Works and Chief of Police for their recommendation as to the affect that the temporary closing of the street will have on the public safety and traffic movement in the area during the time the street may be closed.
- (e) **Mandatory Denial of Street Use Permit.** An application for a Street Use Permit shall be denied if:
 - (1) The proposed street use is primarily for private or commercial gain.
 - (2) The proposed street use would violate any federal or state law or any Ordinance of the City.
 - (3) The proposed street use will substantially hinder the movement of police, fire or emergency vehicles, constituting a risk to persons or property.
 - (4) The application for a Street Use Permit does not contain the information required above.
 - (5) The application requests a period for the use of the street in excess of twelve (12) hours.
 - (6) The proposed use could equally be held in a public park or other location. In addition to the requirement that the application for a Street Use Permit shall be denied, as hereinabove set forth, the Common Council may deny a permit for any other reason or reasons if it concludes that the health, safety, and general welfare of the public cannot adequately be protected and maintained if the permit is granted.

- (f) **Consent to Issuance of Street Use Permit.** Each application for a Street Use Permit, except for parades or races sponsored by civic, youth or scout organizations which have been in existence for at least six (6) months, shall be accompanied by a petition designating the proposed area of the street to be used and time for said proposed use, said petition to be signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the residents over eighteen (18) years of age residing along that portion of the street designated for the proposed use. Said petition shall be verified and shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

PETITION FOR STREET USE PERMIT

We, the undersigned residents of the _____ hundred block of _____ Street in the City of Thorp, hereby consent to the _____ recreational or business use of this street between the hours of _____ and _____ on _____, the _____ day of _____, 20_____, for the purpose of _____ and do hereby consent to the City of Thorp to grant a Street Use Permit for use of the said portion of said street for said propose and do hereby agree to abide by such conditions of such use as the City of Thorp shall attach to the granting of the requested Street Use Permit. We further understand that the permit will not be granted for longer than twelve (12) hours on the date hereinabove specified and agree to remove from the street prior to the end of said period all equipment, vehicles and other personal property placed or driven thereon during the event for which a permit is granted.

We designate _____ as the responsible person or persons who shall apply for an application for a Street Use Permit.

- (g) **Insurance.** The applicant for a Street Use Permit may be required to indemnify, defend, and hold the City and its employees and agents harmless against all claims, liability, loss, damage or expense incurred by the City on account of any injury to or death of any person or any damage to property caused by or

resulting from the activities for which the permit is granted. As evidence of the applicant's ability to perform the conditions of the permit, the applicant may be required to furnish a Certificate of Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with the City of Thorp. The applicant may be required to furnish a performance bond prior to being granted the permit.

- (h) **Termination of a Street Use Permit.** A Street Use Permit for an event in progress may be terminated by the Police Department if the health, safety and welfare of the public appears to be endangered by activities generated as a result of the event or the event is in violation of any of the conditions of the permits or Ordinances of the City of Thorp. The Chief of Police has the authority to revoke a permit or terminate an event in progress if the event organizers fail to comply with any of the regulations in the street use policy or conditions stated in the permit.