

OFFICE OF CITYWIDE EVENTS COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

Notice of Rulemaking

Notice of final rulemaking relating to street activity permits to impose one-year moratorium on new events

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management by Executive Order No. 105 of 2007, and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, that the Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management hereby amends Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Compilation of Rules of the City of New York relating to street activity permits. Matter underlined is new. This rule proposal was not included in the regulatory agenda because it was not contemplated at the time of publication of the regulatory agenda.

Written comments were received and a public hearing was held on December 23, 2008, at the New York City Economic Development Corporation, 110 William Street, Room 4A/B, New York, New York 10038, commencing at 10:00 A.M. Written and oral comments received at the hearing were available for public inspection, within a reasonable time after receipt, between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at the Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management, 100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10038.

It is hereby extended, for an additional one-year period, the authority of the director, set forth in section 1-07 of chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Rules of the City of New York, to deny applications for street activity permits for events not held in the preceding calendar year.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

The Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management (OCECM), Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) is charged with administration of the permit system for street activities, block parties and fairs.

Nearly three hundred SAPO-permitted street fairs and over 5,000 events occur annually within the City. Almost all of these events involve permits for the use of multiple blocks over several days, the erection of structures, the vending of food, apparel and other goods and the use of amplified sound and the performance of music. Such events require additional police presence and increase overtime expenditure by the City. In order to effectively deploy police resources, the New York City Police Department has requested for the calendar year 2009 that SAPO exercise its discretion temporarily to deny permits for additional events that place an excessive burden on police resources and divert uniformed personnel from core crime fighting, public safety and counter terrorism duties.

In the interests of protecting the City and its inhabitants, these rules will authorize SAPO to deny permits to events for an additional year if the event was not held prior to the new effective date.



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Statement of Substantial Need for Earlier Implementation

I hereby find, pursuant to Section 1043(e)(1)(c) of the New York City Charter, that there is a substantial need for the implementation, immediately upon its final publication in the *City Record*, of a rule to extend for an additional one-year period, the authority of the Executive Director of the Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management (CECM) by way of the Director of Street Activities Permit Office (SAPO), set forth in section 1-07 of chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Rules of the City of New York, to deny applications for street activity permits for events not held in the preceding calendar year.

Nearly three hundred SAPO-permitted street events occur annually within the City. Many of these events involve permits for the use of multiple blocks over several days, the erection of structures, the vending of food, apparel and other goods and the use of amplified sound and the performance of music. Such events require additional police presence and increase overtime expenditure by the City. In order to effectively deploy police resources, the New York City Police Department has requested for the calendar year 2008 that CECM exercise its discretion temporarily to deny permits for additional events that place an excessive burden on police resources and divert uniformed personnel from core crime fighting, public safety and counter terrorism duties.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CITYWIDE
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Approved:
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

Date: 11/20/08