

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM REPORT FOR MEETING OF: April 15, 2025

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To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Mark Rincon, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Subject: Consideration of Approval of Waiver of Special Event Permit Fees, Staff time and Materials
for the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce Apple Blossom Festival and Parade Total Fees:
\$14,620.00

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council approve waiver of Special Event Permit fees, City Staff time and material for the Apple Blossom Festival and Parade in the amount of \$14,620.00. Special Event Permit Fee: \$750.00, Public Works Staff Time: \$5,200.00, Material/Rentals: \$3,000.00, and Police Staff Time: \$5,670.00.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Sebastopol has eliminated funding to the Community Benefit Grants Program as well as the City Sponsorship Program. These were programs that either provided funding to nonprofits or sponsored events to help defray costs. The City Council has suspended the policy for fee waivers, as well as City sponsorships and the Community Benefit Grant programs. Since that suspension, the City has received requests for sponsorship /waiver of fees.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The Apple Blossom Festival and Parade, is in its 79th year, is a cherished tradition that plays a crucial role in Sebastopol's identity, branding, and economic vitality. This event brings approximately 10,000 visitors to our town, providing a significant boost to local businesses, hospitality and tourism efforts. This event:

- Provides a wide range of cultural experiences and diversified community connections.
- Offers intrinsic cultural, economic, educational, or recreational value to the public.
- Helps raise revenues to support and enhance community services.

The City has waived the following special event permit fees this fiscal year:

| Event | Permit Fees | Council Action |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| Trashlantis | \$825.00 | October 1, 2024 Council approved request to waive permit fees |

STAFF ANALYSIS:

If the Council approves the waiver of fees in the amount of \$14,620.00, it will help to offset the costs of the entertainment, food, and beverages provided by the applicant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment on this item. However, if staff receives public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report, such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or after the meeting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

This item has been noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date. The City has also used social media to promote and advertise the City Council Meeting Agenda Items.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City would waive the special event permit fees, staff time and materials of \$14,620. 00; therefore the fiscal impact would be a loss of \$14,620.00.

RESTATED RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve waiver of Special Event Permit fees for the Apple Blossom Festival in the amount of \$14,620.

OPTIONS:

1. Deny the fee waiver in the amount of \$14,620.00
2. Reduce the fee waiver in the amount of \$14,620.00

ATTACHMENT:

- 1 – Application for the Apple Blossom Festival and Parade
- 2 – Special Permit Waiver Request
- 3 – Conditional Letter of Approval

APPROVALS:

Department Head Approval: Approval Date: April 8, 2025

CEQA Determination (Planning): Approval Date: April 8, 2025

The proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Administrative Services (Financial) Approval Date: N/A

Costs authorized in City Approved Budget: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Account Code (f applicable) _____

City Attorney Approval: Approval Date: N/A

City Manager Approval: Approval Date: 4/9/2025



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Special Event Permit Application

To Special Event Permit Applicants:

The City of Sebastopol is host to many varied special events throughout the year. These events are an important part of our community and can add significantly to the quality of life for our residents and visitors. Depending on the nature of the events, they can enhance our neighborhoods, highlight products and services, provide marketing opportunities, and add to our cultural enrichment.

This packet is intended to help you understand the special event permitting process and provide helpful information as you plan your event.

The City of Sebastopol is committed to supporting quality events that are safe and enjoyable. If you have questions regarding the permitting process, please contact the Public Works Department at 707-823-5331 or email citypw@cityofsebastopol.org for further information.

On behalf of the City of Sebastopol, we thank you for contributing to the spirit and vitality of our community through the staging of your event. Best wishes for a successful event.

Application Process

1. Contact Public Works Department to ascertain the availability of the location where the event is requested to be held.
2. Complete the application packet (and provide any additional materials regarding this event).
3. Ensure all blanks are filled out and initial the bottom of every page. Please use black ink to complete the application.
4. Ensure the application has a wet signature. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.
5. Submit the packet and filing fees to Public Works Department.
6. Complete and submit the City event requirements.
7. Pay event fees when the application is submitted for routing. The application will not be routed without payment of fees in full.
8. Ensure appropriate departments have been contacted a minimum of 10 days prior to the event.
9. Request the City conduct a post-event walk-through the first working day after the event.

Note: Please keep in mind that acceptance of your application is the first step and should not be construed as approval or confirmation of your special event request. Depending on the size and type of event and its potential impact on City services, other departmental approvals may be required. Event applications submitted less than 30 days prior to the event may not be approved.

If your event requires banners on City poles, you must complete a Banner Installation Application and receive approval prior to hanging banners. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 707-823-5331.

Posting of flyers, signs, etc., on public facilities or equipment (e.g., power poles) is not permitted.

Note: Generally, temporary off-site signs, such as banners, A-frames, or other signage within the public right of way, are not permitted. (Contact the City Planning Department at 707-823-6167 for specific information on signage.)

Party Jumps, Climbing Rock Walls, etc.

Groups renting party jumps, or other similar activities, must note this activity on their application. Companies providing the jump, etc., **must have liability insurance as listed below as well as a current business license.** No structure that requires staking into the grass or ground is permitted in the parks. Requests must be made in advance for electrical service by indication on the application.

Park Hours

City of Sebastopol parks are open seven days a week, year-round from dawn to dusk. All unreserved areas remain open to the public at all times during park hours.

Cancellation Fee

If cancellation is necessary, the City must be notified immediately. If a reservation is cancelled more than 30 days prior to the event, the entire deposit will be refunded. If a reservation is cancelled less than 30 days prior to the event, a \$25.00 non-refundable cancellation fee will be withheld from the deposit.

The applicant is responsible for reading the City's noise ordinance, park use ordinance, no smoking ordinance, and alcohol in the park ordinance.

Insurance Requirements

As a condition of use of City of Sebastopol facilities or programs, your organization must provide, at your sole expense, each of the following items as indicated:

Proof of insurance comprised of a certificate of insurance and original policy endorsement of comprehensive general liability insurance written by one or more responsible insurance companies licensed to do business in California. This coverage requires the following:

1. The **City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers** are to be named as additional insured by endorsement against liability for injury to persons, damages to property and for the death of a person or persons arising or resulting from any act or omission on the part of your organization, its agents or employees.
2. Liability coverage is required for claims made by participants in your event/program. You are advised that any and all exclusions pertaining to athletic or recreational event/programs must be disclosed in the endorsement, and failure to do so will not necessarily insulate your organization from individual liability for claims made as a result of the use of the facilities and your event/program.
3. The insurance provided must be **PRIMARY** with respect to the additional insured named above. Any other insurance available to the **City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers** must be excess and noncontributing. A Primary Non-Contributory Endorsement is required.
4. The comprehensive general liability insurance policy limits of such insurance shall not be less than **\$2,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.** Please note the City may require an increase in policy limits due to the nature of the event.

- a. Any deductible or self-insured retention must be identified and approved by the City. In the event the deductible is deemed to be too great, the City may require you to have your insurer eliminate the deductible or reduce it.
5. You must satisfy these requirements by furnishing the City with certificates of insurance and endorsements affecting the required coverage. The certificates and endorsements are to be on ISO-approved forms.

Note: Please inform your insurance agent that a "Certificate of Insurance" on Form Accord 25 by itself is not sufficient. A certificate of endorsement naming the **City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers** as additional insured is required.

The City will *not* accept a certificate of insurance alone as proof of insurance coverage. The City will *not* accept the wording listed below in the Description of Operations box on the certificate of insurance.

The original endorsement must specifically list the following:

"The **City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers** are additional insured against liability for injury to persons, damages to property and for the death of a person or persons arising or resulting from any act or omission on the part of your organization, its agents or employees.


This insurance is primary with respect to the additional insured named above. Any other insurance available to the **City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers** shall be excess and noncontributing."

6. If alcohol is to be sold, the proof of insurance must contain liquor liability and must be satisfactory to the City.

You are strongly urged to show this Notice of Conditions (including the precise wording of these insurance requirements) to your insurance agent or broker. Doing so will help you, your agent, and the City process the proper documents in a timely manner.

You must provide the City with the required endorsements 10 days prior to the start of your event/program. Each endorsement shall be subject to approval by the City of Sebastopol as to form and as to insurance company.

Please sign and return this original Notice of Conditions to indicate your receipt and understanding of each of the conditions listed above.

Authorized Signature:  Date: 2-25-25
Name of Organization: Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce

Thank you for choosing to plan a special event within the City of Sebastopol. We are proud to be the venue for a wide range of special events each year.



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
Special Event Permit Application

PERMITTING PROCESS

Special events often involve a number of permits and other requirements to ensure the safety of the event and to minimize impacts on the surrounding community.


A Special Event Permit is required for any event utilizing City parks, City buildings, or other City facilities, such as City conference rooms, parking lots, etc. Such activities include, but are not limited to, craft fairs, festivals, ceremonies, and other events.

Events that are to be conducted on City public streets or sidewalks require an Encroachment Permit from the City of Sebastopol Engineering Division. Please contact them at 714 Johnson Street or 707-823-2151.

Closure of streets for block parties are handled through the Sebastopol Police Department. Please contact them at 6850 Laguna Park Way or 707-829-4400.

I, on behalf of the organization I represent, certify that all forgoing pages in this Special Event Permit Application have been completed. I attest that the information contained herein is accurate, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I attest that I have read all the rules, regulations and guidelines specified herein and that which is included in this Special Event Permit Application.

I, acting on behalf of the organization I represent, am authorized to commit that organization to agree to abide by the rules, regulations and guidelines specified herein, and that I will accept all responsibilities for any damage to City property and/or facilities, and any payments for municipal services and/or resources as they have been outlined and as they may be utilized by me and the organization whom I am representing and the patrons who will be served by this event.

Authorized Signature:  Date: 2-25-25
Printed Name of Signer: Myriah Volk



**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL**
Special Event Permit Application

Return To: Public Works Department
714 Johnson St.
Sebastopol, CA 95472
Phone: 707-823-5331

Please use black ink to complete this application.

Email: citypw@cityofsebastopol.org**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicant Name: Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce
Street Address: 265 S Main St
City: Sebastopol **State:** CA **Zip:** 95472
Main Phone: 707-823-3032 **Cell:** 707-484-7504
Email: info@sebastopol.com

On-site Contact Name (if different): Myriah Volk
Street Address: 265 S Main St
City: Sebastopol **State:** CA **Zip:** 95472
Main Phone: 707-823-3032 **Cell:** 707-484-7504
Email: Myriah@sebastopol.org

Sponsoring Organization Name (if any): Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce
Street Address: 265 S Main St
City: Sebastopol **State:** CA **Zip:** 95472
Phone: 707-823-3032
Website: Sebastopol.org

Is the organization a nonprofit? ☒ Yes ☐ No (If yes, please provide a tax-exempt letter to the City.)**EVENT INFORMATION****Event Name:** Apple Blossom Parade and Festival

Event Short Description: (This should be promotional in nature and should not exceed 20 words.)
Parade and festival with food, wine, beer, music, children's activities, and art & craft vendors

Event Detailed Description: (Please provide a narrative and timeline of your event. You may attach pages if needed. A complete Site Plan/Route Map is required with your application.)

This is a weekend festival which will include 2 music stages, booths throughout

Ives Park with food, beverages, arts & crafts, as well as children's activities.

We will also be using Sebastopol Center for the Arts for weekend.

EVENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Event Location: (e.g., "Ives Park to include stage and BBQ area" or "City Hall Conference Room")
Ives Park in its entirety

Will you need access to electricity? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Event Location Description: (Please describe the location of your event and provide a detailed map of activities of your event in the location being requested. A map showing the location of event activities must be submitted with the application for processing.)

Ives Park, South High Street Parking April 25 - 27. Parking behind the Chamber building April 26-27.

Does the event involve the use of a City park? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list name(s) of park(s): Ives Park and Parking lot

Event Type: ☐ Athletic/Recreation ☐ Exhibits/Misc. ☐ Parade/Procession/March
☐ Farmers/Outdoor Market ☐ Concert/Performance ☐ Circus/Carnival
☒ Festival/Celebration ☐ Free Speech ☐ Block Party

Other (please explain):

Attendance: Anticipated Total Attendance: ^{10,000}10,000 Anticipated Daily Attendance: 5k

Is event open to the public? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is this an annual event? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many years has the event been held? 78

Prior location(s) of event: Ives Park

Setup: Start Date: April 25, 2025 Start Time: 8:00 ☒ AM ☐ PM

Event: Start Date: April 26, 2025 Start Time: 11:00 ☒ AM ☐ PM
End Date: April 27, 2025 End Time: 5:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM

Cleanup: End Date: April 27, 2025 End Time: 8:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM

EVENT DETAILS

Amplified Sound: ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, complete the following.
 Type of Sound Equipment: Microphones for music
 Location of Amplified Sound: Ives Park and Main Street during parade
 Date of Amplified Sound: April 25 - 27
 Start Time: 11:00 ☒ AM ☐ PM End Time: 6:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM
 Purpose: Apple Blossom Festival
 Description: ☐ Stereo ☒ Band/Live ☒ DJ ☒ Microphone/PA System
 Owner of Amplified Sound Equipment: James McKee
 First Name Last Name
 Business/Organization Name: Stellar XP
 Max Power: 2000 Watts Max Volume: 95 Decibels Dist. of Audible Sound: 300 Feet
 For Sound Vehicle Only: Vehicle License Number: _____ Vehicle Make: _____
 Vehicle VIN: _____ Vehicle Year: _____

Security Plan: ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, complete the following.
 Security Plan Description: Security on site beginning Friday April 25 - April 27.
 If using licensed professionals, list company name: Allied Security
 Number of licensed professional staff: 10
 If using volunteers, how many? 0
 How will volunteers be identified? Colored wristbands

If event is open to the public, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements are required (e.g., accessible parking, passenger loading/unloading areas, restrooms, seating, path of travel, etc.).

Food: ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, complete the following.
 Describe how food will be served and/or prepared: _____
All food will be prepared on site using the County Health Dept Guidelines
 On-Site Food Preparation Method: ☐ Propane ☐ Charcoal ☒ Electric ☐ Other (please explain): _____

Caterer(s) and/or food vendor(s) must have a Sonoma County Food Industry Health Permit and a City of Sebastopol Business License for this special event.

Will your event include food vendors? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many? _____

EVENT DETAILS (Continued)

Alcoholic Beverages: ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, complete the following.

☒ ABC License may be required

Alcohol Distribution Method: ☐ Free-host ☒ For Sale (Type: ☒ Beer ☒ Wine ☐ Hard Alcohol)

Please contact the Department of ABC and Sonoma County Health Department to determine if permits are required for your event. Please notify the City of Sebastopol in writing the determinations from these departments.

Parking Plan: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, complete the following.

Parking Plan Description: _____

Portable Toilets: ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, complete the following.

Number of Standard Toilets: 13 Number of ADA Accessible Toilets: 3

Description of Placement: (Please indicate location of toilets on your site diagram.)

Right field fence line and Center of the Arts parking lot

Garbage/Recycling: ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, complete the following.

Number of garbage cans provided: 12 Number of recycling cans provided: 12

Cleanup Plan Description: (Please indicate location of receptacles on your site diagram.)

Mitigation of Impact:

Have you notified or met with the residents, businesses or other entities that may be impacted by your event? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a sample of the written notice that you propose to distribute prior to your event? If yes, please attach the written notice. ☒ Yes ☐ No

EVENT COMPONENTS

Please indicate which components will be present at the event:

☐ Open Flame

☐ Inflatables/Jump Houses

☒ Tables

☒ Signs/Banners

☒ Tents/Canopies

☒ Stages

☒ Vendors

AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE DISCLAIMER

I understand that this is only an application and not a guarantee that a permit will be issued.

I agree to assume the defense of and indemnify and save harmless the City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from all suits, actions, damages or claims to which the City may be subjected of any kind or nature whatsoever resulting from, caused by, arising out of or as a consequence of such activities permitted in connection therewith. The City requires, as a condition of issuance of a permit, that the applicant obtains insurance to serve this end, in such an amount and with such terms as the City determines to be appropriate under the circumstances. This shall be a continuing release and shall remain in effect until revoked in writing.

I certify that this application is true and correct and hereby accept full responsibility for any breakage or damage to property and/or building, and for conduct of those attending the function for which the facility is requested. The undersigned, who is to be in charge of the event, is twenty-one years of age or older. The applicant agrees that he/she will be responsible for the use and care of City property. Applicant further agrees that the character of entertainment at the above-named place will conform to that stated in the application. Applicant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold/save harmless the City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers and against any and all claims, demands and causes of action that may be brought against the City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers, caused by, arising out of or in any way connected with the use by the undersigned of the City of Sebastopol facility or the exercise of the privilege herein granted, except that arising out of the sole negligence of the City. If permission is granted, I, or my representative, agree to be present during the entire use of the facility.

My signature below signifies that I agree to abide by the conditions of this application, the Special Event Use Policy and of any contract issued based on this application.

I agree to pay to the City of Sebastopol all costs the City may incur as a result of any failure to comply with all of these conditions, including damages due to failure to leave the premises in rentable condition.

I understand that all conditions of approval for this permit must be complied with no later than 10 days prior to the event. Failure to meet all conditions may result in permit being deemed null and void.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THIS CONTRACT AND WILL CONFORM WITH THE RULES ATTACHED TO THIS AGREEMENT.

I agree that I am to be responsible for reimbursing the City of Sebastopol for any costs incurred to repair or replace City property which is damaged as a result of the activity.

Signature: M. J. Volk Date: 2-25-25

Please submit this form along with a non-refundable Special Event Permit Application Fee to:

Public Works Department
714 Johnson St.
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Phone: 707-823-5331
Email: citypw@cityofsebastopol.org

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
GUIDELINES FOR ALCOHOL USE IN CITY PARKS**

Below are listed the guidelines for proper application of a one-time only use permit for City parks and facilities.

1. **APPROVAL/DENIAL** - The application shall be approved/denied within ten (10) business days of receipt of a completed application and filing fee noted on the application. The waiver shall be approved by the Police Chief or his designee unless it is determined from consideration of the application, or other pertinent information, that any of the following conditions exist:

- a. The activity will substantially disrupt the use of a park at a time when it is usually subject to traffic congestion, or potentially interfere with the operation of emergency vehicles in the proposed permit area.
- b. The activity creates a substantial risk of injury to persons or property.
- c. The applicant failed to complete the application, or information contained in the application is round to be false in any material detail.
- d. The particular activity would violate federal, state or local laws including license/permit requirements.
- e. The particular activity would propose a potential threat to health, safety, and welfare of the park users and/or the City's population.

When the grounds for permit denial can be corrected by imposing reasonable permit conditions, the Police Chief/designee may approve the permit.

2. **PERMIT CONDITIONS** - The Police Chief/designee may condition the issuance of the permit by imposing reasonable requirements concerning the time, place and manner of activities including but not limited to the following:

- a. Requirements for the presence of Sebastopol Police, Fire and/or Public Works employees when required for the particular activity at the applicant's expense.
- b. Restrictions on hours of activities.
- c. Requirements concerning notice to affected adjacent property owners of the activity.
- d. Restrictions on the use of explosives and other noise creating devices.
- e. Restrictions on the hours of amplified music and level of amplification.

3. **CHANGE OF ACTIVITY DATE** - May be authorized upon 72-hour notice in advance of activity and be permitted without requiring a new application or fees.

4. **INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY**

- a. Applicant must sign agreement to reimburse the City for any costs incurred to repair or replace City property, which is damaged as a result of the activity.
- b. Applicant shall also defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from all claims and liability of any kind whatsoever resulting from or arising out of the activity or issuance of the permit.

5. **PERMIT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. Each applicant shall comply with all terms and conditions of the permit. Failure to do so is grounds for immediate revocation.
- b. Each applicant shall clean and restore all City properties utilized during the activity to the same condition as existed prior to the activity.
- c. The person in charge of the activity shall retain a copy of the permit on location.

Required When an Event Has Alcohol in the Park
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)
License May Also Be Required

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL APPLICATION
USE OF ALCOHOL IN CITY PARK (SMC 9.24.265)**

TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT

Date of Application: _____ **Location Requested:** Ives
(Libby, Ives, Other)

Contact Person: Myriah Volk (Must be 21 years or older)

Address: 265 S Main St. Sebastopol, CA 95472

Phone: 707-484-7504

Cell phone number for person at activity: 707-484-7504

Date: 4/26/25 - 4/27/25 **Exact hours from:** 11:00 am **to:** 6:00 pm

Fully describe activity: (Type of beverages being consumed, picnic/birthday/party)
Beer and Wine sold at booths

Anticipated number of participants: 9000

OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved: Yes: ☐ No: ☐ **Date:** _____ **Reason not approved:** _____

PD ID Number

DISCLAIMER

The undersigned applicant, who is to be in charge of the event, is twenty-one years of age or over. The applicant agrees that he/she will be responsible for the use and care of City property. Applicant further agrees that the character of the activity at the above-named place will conform to that stated in the application. Applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers, caused by, arising out of or in anyway connected with the use by the undersigned of the City of Sebastopol facility or the exercise of the privilege herein granted, except that arising out of the sole negligence of the City.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THIS CONTRACT AND WILL CONFORM WITH THE RULES ATTACHED TO THIS AGREEMENT.

Signature of Applicant: Myriah Volk **Date:** 2-25-25

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

ZERO WASTE APPLICATION FOR EVENTS

Submit minimum 30 days prior to event

- Events in Sebastopol with food or beverage vendors or providers must submit a Zero Waste plan as part of the permit application.
- All events in Sebastopol are required to recycle and compost as per state laws AB 341 and AB 1826
- Events are strongly encouraged to use 100% reusables for food service ware. If disposables are chosen, they need to comply with [City of Sebastopol Event Food Service Ware Requirements for Vendors](#)

Vendor compliance

- ☐ We recommend that you fine vendors (or collect a security deposit prior to the event) for unclean booths or compost/recycling contamination.

Failure to comply with the requirements outlined in this application could result in increased fees or denial of future permit applications.

Thank you for helping Sebastopol meet its Zero Waste goals!

Waste Diversion Hierarchy



Attachments to Submit with this Application

Attach to the following documents to this application:

- ☐ Signed copies of [City of Sebastopol Event Food Service Ware Requirements for Vendors](#) from **each vendor** who will be present at your event
 - ☐ Letter from Recology showing proof of garbage, recycling, and compost services
- OR-**
- Letter from an event greener (see list in "Resources" section)

Food and Drink Service Ware at Event

- Events are strongly encouraged to use 100% reusables for food service ware, if disposables are chosen, they need to comply with [City of Sebastopol Event Food Service Ware Requirements for Vendors](#)
- List the reusable food service ware that will be used at your event (i.e: glass cups, metal cutlery, fabric tablecloths, etc):

- Plastic bottled water sales and distribution is prohibited (no plastic water bottles under 1 gallon)

- o It is recommended that event promoters contract with a water station provider and encourage their attendees to bring personal refillable water bottles. If cups are provided at the water station, they must be uncoated, compostable paper cups. (See examples in "Resources" section).

Describe your plan for drinking water available at the event:

Zero Waste Plan

- ☐ Hire an event greener to make a zero-waste plan that complies with guidelines, or
- ☐ Consult with the Recology Waste Zero team to ensure your employee or volunteer-run plan complies with guidelines below. (**Recology Sonoma-Marin Waste Zero Specialist** contact: Ambrosia Thomson (707) 291-8652, athomson@recology.com)

I. Compost/ Recycling/ Garbage stations ("Zero Waste" stations)

At least 2 weeks prior to the event, contact Recology to order trash, composting, and recycling collection services, which can include debris boxes, event boxes or containers:

([recology.com/recology-sonoma-marin/event-services/](https://www.recology.com/recology-sonoma-marin/event-services/))

- A. Each Zero Waste Station must include Compost, Recycle, and Garbage grouped together. These Zero Waste Stations must be placed in convenient locations with clear and identifiable signage: blue for recyclables, green for compost, gray for garbage (landfill).

- 1. Borrow signs from Recology (contact Waste Zero Specialist Ambrosia Thompson athomson@recology.com, or download signage on [Recology Event Services website](https://www.recology.com/recology-sonoma-marin/event-services/): <https://www.recology.com/recology-sonoma-marin/event-services/>

- B. There should be no stand-alone trash bins.

- C. How many compost/recycling/ garbage stations will your event have? _____

- 1. Where will the stations be located? Attach map or give description of locations.

- 2. If you are ordering large compost/ recycle/ garbage dumpsters from Recology, when and how will material be transported from recycling/composting stations to these dumpsters? (Note: If you are using rolling carts, place them out on the curb after the event and Recology will pick them up there).

- a) Bins should be labeled "Compost," "Recycle," or "Landfill" and locked after event is finished.

- D. Describe your plan to monitor the Zero Waste Stations to ensure that attendees place items in the correct bin (e.g., volunteers, employees, or event greener employees will staff each waste station). It is recommended that you have a volunteer or employee standing by each waste station at all times to help patrons sort their waste:

1. How will you train vendors/janitorial staff/volunteers so that they know what materials go to compost, recycle, or garbage?

II. Leftover food and used cooking oil

- A. Unserved, leftover food from vendors can be donated to Sonoma Food Runners a local organization that distributes food to the hungry. Contact prior to your event to arrange pick up. June Michaels (707) 596-8711, sonomafoodrunners.org.
- B. Post-consumer food scraps can be donated to a local pig farmer instead of going to compost. See "Resources" section for list of farms.
- C. Vendors must remove all cooking grease and oil away from event. See "Resources" section for organizations that pick up cooking oil for recycling into biodiesel fuel.

III. Other ways your event is working to reduce garbage

- A. Purchase your event inventory around waste prevention.
 1. How are you limiting the number of giveaways (i.e. free samples, paper fliers) and/or making sure your giveaways are durable/reusable, recyclable or compostable?
 2. Ensure that all items purchased (banners, display materials, operational materials, etc.) are reusable, recyclable, or truly compostable. If this is an annual event, consider leaving date off of materials so that they can be used again for years to come.
- B. Events must include "eco message" in promotional materials. Example: "We are striving for zero waste at the event. Please bring your own reusable waterbottle, cup, and utensil/cutlery set".
 1. What "eco message" will you use?
 2. Where will this message be displayed (fliers, website, facebook event page, etc)?

Resources

Recology

Recology is the waste hauler for Sebastopol.

- **Contact Recology Event Services** to order trash, composting, and recycling collection services, which can include debris boxes, event boxes or containers, :
[recology.com/recology-sonoma-marin/event-services/](https://www.recology.com/recology-sonoma-marin/event-services/)
- To borrow a set of Recology's waste station signs, contact Recology Sonoma-Marín Waste Zero Specialist: Ambrosia Thompson athomson@recology.com, or download signs from the Recology Event Services website:
<https://www.recology.com/recology-sonoma-marin/event-services/>
- If you are not hiring an event greener, consult with the Recology Waste Zero team to ensure your employee-run or volunteer-run plan complies with permit guidelines. (contact **Recology Sonoma-Marín Waste Zero Specialist** Ambrosia Thomson: athomson@recology.com)

Event Greeners

The following organizations provide event composting and recycling services for a fee. This may include set up monitoring of compost/ recycle/ garbage stations, transferring material from stations to large debris boxes, and post-event clean-up.

- **Green Mary** / Mary Munat (707) 548-7582, mary@greenmary.com, <http://greenmary.com/>
- **Waste Busters Inc.** / Michael Siminitus (510) 473-2087, Michael@wastebusters.info
www.wastebusters.info
- **Right Cycle**/ Tomer Shapira (310) 779-7421 tomerrightcycle@gmail.com
- **Clean Vibes**/ Anna Borofsky (802) 238-9143 • Mobile annab@cleanvibes.com

Water Stations

The sale or distribution of single-use plastic water bottles is prohibited. The following are some companies that market various hydration stations (i.e., station where attendees can fill their water bottles with filtered water) for events.

If you provide cups at the water stations you must use compostable paper cups (cups without moisture barrier) such as these wax-free paper cone cups or paper cone cups.



- **Hydrologic Water Treatment Services**
Tony Pagliaro tony@hydrologicwater.comcastbiz.net
- **US Pure Water** / Michael Levine (415) 272-3288, events@uspw.net,
<https://www.uspw.net/events---hydration-stations.html>
- **WasteBusters** / Michael Siminitus (530) 219-3676, Michael@wastebusters.info
<https://www.wastebusters.info/>

Reusable Drink and Dishware.

The following companies offer reusable drink and dishware options for events:

- **Sudbusters, Inc.** www.sudbusters.com offers reusable cup and plate rental/ exchange on-site at events. Contact Michael Siminitus Michael@Sudbusters.com (510) 473-2087
- **Green Mary** / Mary Munat has an extensive rental library of food service ware (cups, wine glasses, plates, utensils, serving dishes, table clothes, etc). (707) 548-7582, mary@greenmary.com, <http://greenmary.com/>
- **The Rental Place**, (Sebastopol) rents food service ware including cups, wine glasses, plates, utensils/cutlery, serving dishes, etc. <https://therentalplace.com/>

Food Donations

- Unserved, leftover food from vendors can be donated to **Sonoma Food Runners**, a local organization that distributes food to the hungry. June Michaels (707) 596-8711, sonomafoodrunners.org. Contact prior to event to arrange pick up.
- Leftover food scraps from patrons can be donated to a pig farmer

Used Cooking Oil

These organizations pick up used cooking oil and recycle it into biodiesel fuel. Arrange pick-up ahead of event:

- Northbay Restaurant Services: (707) 824-9737
<https://northbayrestaurantsservices.com/services/cooking-oil-recycling/>
- Or **Green Mary** / Mary Munat (707) 548-7582, mary@greenmary.com, <http://greenmary.com/>

LOCAL LAW THAT APPLIES TO EVENTS:

Sebastopol Polystyrene Ban and disposable food service ware ordinance :
sebastopol.municipal.codes/SMC/8.36.010

Municipal Code 8.36

- Polystyrene (styrofoam) food serviceware and sales prohibited: "Food providers shall not sell, hand out, give away, distribute or otherwise make available for public or customer use prepared food in disposable food service ware that contains polystyrene foam." Section 8.36.030
- All food service ware take-out containers must be recyclable or compostable: (See list of permitted food service ware at end of document): "All food providers utilizing any disposable food service ware shall use, when such products are commercially available, a compostable product that is accepted at local compost facilities or recyclable product." Section 8.36.060
- "All food providers shall only provide lids, cutlery, to-go condiment packages, and paper straws upon request of customers." Section 8.36.060
- Plastic straws banned (paper straws permitted).

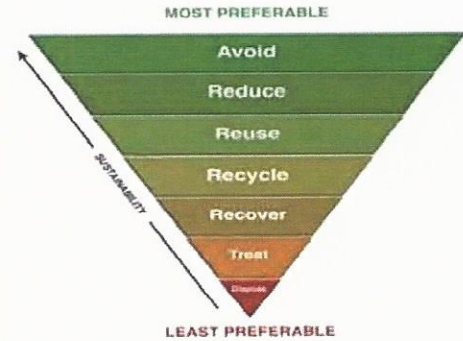
City of Sebastopol Event Food Service Ware Requirements for Vendors

❖ Permit applications must have signed copies of this document from each participating vendor

General Guidelines:

- Events are strongly encouraged to use 100% reusable food service ware.
- All items must be reusable, recyclable, or a fiber-based compostable product (see below for allowed items).
- Promotional materials should encourage attendees to bring their own reusable water bottle, cup, plate, and cutlery.
- Single-use plastics and “compostable” plastics (PLA) are prohibited (including plastic bottled water). Exception: #1 PETE clear plastic cups.

Waste Diversion Hierarchy



ALLOWED

Compostable Items*:

- Uncoated white/natural plant fiber & paper products (straws, bowls, deli boats, etc.) including bagasse products (sugar cane fiber)
- Uncoated white/natural deli paper & parchment paper
- Paper napkins/towels (any color).
- 100% wood or bamboo products (cutlery, chopsticks, stirring sticks, etc.)

Recyclable Items:

- Aluminum cans & (clean) foil
- Glass bottles and jars (empty with lids on)
- #1 PETE clear plastic cups

Paper “hot cups”

Important: Coated paper cups are not currently accepted in the compost or recycling streams in Sonoma County (even if they are labeled compostable). They must go in garbage.

*Must be accepted in the commercial compost stream in Sonoma County. If an item is not recyclable or compostable at our local facilities, it must be sent to the landfill as trash—even if it is labeled “compostable” or suppliers claim otherwise.

NOT ALLOWED

Single-use disposable plastic service ware:

- Single-use plastic utensils, clamshells, sides/dressing cups, lids
- Disposable plastic water bottles
- Plastic bags/plastic wrap
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam)
- Plastic Straws
- Sauce packets (ketchup, soy sauce, etc)

All #6 PS plastics, including non-foam plates and cups (prohibited under the Sebastopol polystyrene ordinance).

“Compostable” plant/bio-plastic products/ PLA plastics **

Coated paper food containers (If it has a shiny surface/ moisture barrier, it is likely coated). Exception: paper coffee cups for hot beverages.

Foil for serving food in

- When food is served in foil, patrons often do not separate food scraps from the foil, resulting in a high contamination rate in compost receptacles.

**Although technically compostable in certain facilities, compost facilities serving Sonoma County do not currently accept these items; therefore, these products are not compostable in Sonoma County.

I have read the above and agree to only use food service ware from the “Allowed” column. I also agree to maintain my own “back of house” three-bin separation (compost/recycle/garbage) and empty my sorted waste into the appropriate compost, recycle, garbage receptacles at the end of the event.

Vendor name: _____ Vendor signature: _____ Date: _____

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Schedule of User and Regulatory Fees Parks, Special Events & Facility Use

| Activity Description | Community Group Fee | Resident Fee | Non-Resident Fee |
|---|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <u>Application Fee</u> | | | |
| Up to 50 people | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 51-200 people | \$100 | \$150 | \$200 |
| More than 200 people | \$150 | \$250 | \$350 |
| <u>Security Deposit*</u> | | | |
| Up to 50 people | \$150 | \$150 | \$150 |
| 51-200 people | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| More than 200 people | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| * 25% discount available for park use of less than 3 hours | | | |
| <u>Daily Use Fee</u> | | | |
| Up to 50 people | \$50 | \$75 | \$100 |
| 51-200 people | \$125 | \$250 | \$500 |
| More than 200 people | \$250 | \$500 | \$1,000 |
| <u>Amplified Sound/Stage/Bouncehouse</u> | | | |
| Amplified Sound Use | \$50 | \$75 | \$100 |
| Stage Use | \$50 | \$75 | \$100 |
| Bouncehouse Use | \$30 | \$40 | \$50 |
| <u>Other Fees</u> | | | |
| <u>Parking Space Fee**</u> | | | |
| Residential Area | \$10 | | |
| Non-Residential Area | \$15 | | |
| ** Daily per space fee for use of City parking spaces (proof of parking required for events of more than 200 persons) | | | |
| <u>Classes with Instructors Utilizing Park Area (per week)***</u> | | | |
| Small Group (1-15 persons) | \$25 | | |
| Medium Group (16-30 persons) | \$50 | | |
| Large Group (31+ persons) | \$75 | | |
| *** Per week fee for classes with monetary component (e.g. charge for classes) | | | |
| City Hall Meeting Room | \$15 | | |



City of Sebastopol

FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Organization Name: Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce
 Contact: Myriah Volk
 Name: Myriah Volk
 Email: Myriah@sebastopol.org
 Phone: 707-823-3032
 Mailing Address: 265 S Main St, Sebastopol, CA 95472
 Type of Organization:
 ☐ 501(c) 3
 ☒ 501(c) 4, b
 ☐ Governmental Agency
 Date(s) of event: April 25-27, 2025
 Facility(s) requested: Ives Park, Main St.
 Name and Purpose of Event: Apple Blossom Festival + Parade
 Amount of Fee Waiver Requested: \$ ENTIRE FEE + PAYMENT OF CITY STAFF

I am applying for a fee waiver based on the understanding and belief that my organization qualifies based on criterion identified in the attached Resolution and listed below.

Signature: Myriah Volk
 Date: 2-25-25
 Printed Name: MYRIAH VOLK
 Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Non-Profit Organizations are eligible to apply for a fee reduction/waiver for flat fees only as listed in this user fee schedule and as listed below:

- a) Fee Reduction (25% Department Head Approval): Not for profit organizations and non-profit entities that have a documented federal tax-exempt status are eligible to apply for a twenty five percent (25%) reduction of fees. Such fee reduction shall be submitted to the Department Head of fee holder for final determination. Such fee shall not exceed \$500.00 in total reduction/waiver of fees.
- b) Fee Reduction (50% City Manager Approval): Not for profit organizations and non- profit entities that have a documented federal tax-exempt status are eligible to apply for a fifty percent (50%) reduction of fees. Such fee reduction shall be submitted to the Department Head of fee holder for final determination. Such fee shall not exceed \$1,000.00 in total reduction/waiver of fees; and
- c) Fees requested above \$1000 for waiver shall require Council approval

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL FOR FEE REDUCTION:

NAME _____

TITLE _____

DATE OF APPROVAL _____

SIGNATURE: _____

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL FOR FEE REDUCTION:

NAME _____

TITLE _____

DATE OF APPROVAL _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TOTAL FEE REDUCTION APPROVED BY CITY OF SEBASTOPOL: \$_____



Outlook

FW: Request for Waiver of Permit Fees and City Staff Coverage for the 2025 Apple Blossom Festival & Parade

From Mary Gourley <mgourley@cityofsebastopol.gov>

Date Thu 3/13/2025 4:12 PM

To Patty Lozinto <plozinto@cityofsebastopol.gov>

FYI

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you

Mary C. Gourley/Assistant City Manager/City Clerk
City of Sebastopol

From: Myriah Volk <Myriah@sebastopol.org>

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 2:48 PM

To: Don Schwartz <dschwartz@cityofsebastopol.gov>

Subject: Request for Waiver of Permit Fees and City Staff Coverage for the 2025 Apple Blossom Festival & Parade

Dear Members of the Sebastopol City Council and Staff,

On behalf of the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to formally request the waiver of permit fees for the 2025 Apple Blossom Festival and Parade, as well as the City's financial support in covering the costs associated with city staff, including the Police Department and Public Works Department, during the event weekend.

The Apple Blossom Festival and Parade, now in its 79th year, is a cherished tradition that plays a crucial role in Sebastopol's identity, branding, and economic vitality. This beloved event brings approximately 10,000 visitors to our town, providing a significant boost to local businesses, hospitality, and tourism efforts. As the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, we rely on the proceeds from the festival to fund programs and initiatives that directly benefit the local business community and promote tourism year-round.

We understand that the City is currently facing a budget deficit and that its primary source of revenue is sales tax. A strong and well-supported Chamber of Commerce directly contributes to increasing sales tax revenue by fostering a thriving business environment and attracting more visitors to Sebastopol. The Apple Blossom Festival is a prime example of an event that drives commerce and benefits the entire community.

Furthermore, having attended nearly every City Council meeting over the past two and a half years, I have heard the Council discuss its goals of increasing support for local events and boosting tourism. This aligns precisely with the work I have been doing for the past two years in close partnership with Sonoma County Tourism to enhance Sebastopol's visibility and economic growth. Supporting the Apple Blossom Festival through a fee waiver and city staff funding would be a meaningful step toward achieving these goals.

Given that this event serves as a key economic driver for Sebastopol and enhances the city's cultural and historical identity, we kindly ask for the City's consideration in waiving permit fees. Additionally, we respectfully request that the City cover the cost of its own staff resources during the event weekend. This support would greatly alleviate the financial burden on the Chamber and allow us to continue reinvesting

in the community.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your support and to another successful Apple Blossom Festival.

Sincerely,

Myriah Volk

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEBASTOPOL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITOR CENTER
VIBRANT COMMUNITY UNIQUE DESTINATION

321 S MAIN ST SEBASTOPOL CA 95472
OFFICE 707.823.3032
MOBILE 707.484.7504

City Council

Mayor Stephen Zollman
Vice Mayor Jill McLewis
Phill Carter
Neysa Hinton
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City Manager

Don Schwartz
dschwartz@cityofsebastopol.gov
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC
Mary Gourley
mgourley@cityofsebastopol.gov

March 26, 2025

Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce
Myriah Volk
265 S. Main Street
Sebastopol, CA, 95472
Email: myriah@sebastopol.org

RE: Conditional Letter of Approval
Special Event Permit
Apple Blossom Festival and Parade
Location : Ives Park, S. High St Parking Lot &
Chamber Parking Lot, Bodega Ave
Date : April 26 – 27 , 2025

Dear Myriah Volk,

This is to inform you that the Special Event Permit for the Apple Blossom Festival and Parade to be held on the date, time and location as listed in your permit, a copy of which is attached for reference, has been conditionally approved, subject to the following conditions of approval. All conditions of approval shall be met a minimum of ten calendar days prior to the start of the event, unless otherwise stated, for permit approval to be valid. If the conditions of approval for this event are not met, this Conditional Letter of Approval for the Special Event Permit will be considered null and void.

1. Based on the current fee schedule, a fee in the amount of \$750.00 and a deposit in the amount of \$1,000.00 are required for this event. For this application only, the City will inspect the park after the event for damages. If damage has occurred, the amount shall be deducted from the deposit.
2. Please submit a check made payable to the City of Sebastopol for the full amount of the permit fee and deposit. If you prefer to pay by credit card, please contact the Sebastopol Finance Department (707-823-7863) for processing the credit card payment.
3. The applicant shall notify residents/businesses adjacent to and across the street from the event Petaluma Ave and Main Street (Chamber Parking Lot Reservation) and S. High Street and Main Street (So High Parking Lot Reservation) and So High Street, Willow Street, Jewell Ave, So Main Street and Bodega Ave. (Ives park Reservation) Johnson, Street, Morris Street, Eddie Lane (Community Center Parking Lot) of the date and time of this event and if there will be use of an amplified sound system. If amplification is to be used, the notice shall contain the duration of the times for use of the amplified system. Please provide a copy of the notice and a signature certifying that this notice was sent to businesses and/or residents as stated above. Please provide a signed copy of the notice to City of Sebastopol Public Works Department at

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citypw@cityofsebastopol.gov with signature to as soon as possible but no later than ten days prior to the event. Please see attached map of the event area for notification purposes.

4. Areas to be returned to an acceptable condition after the event. At the close of the event, applicant shall perform litter patrol on and within 500 feet of the event site to ensure no litter remains on the site, or nearby properties, parking areas, sidewalks, or streets.
5. The group is responsible for own setup/cleanup and removal of visible trash into trash containers. Contact Recology Sonoma Marin (707-585-0291) to arrange for additional trash and recycling containers.
6. Zero Waste Application for Events must be submitted.
7. Prior to the event, please inspect the city restrooms to ensure cleanliness. If you believe that the restrooms are not clean or sanitary, please contact the Public Works Department (707-823-5331) during normal business hours.
8. After normal business hours, please report any issues with the restrooms, damages or hazardous conditions to the Sebastopol Police Department (707-829-4400) to arrange for Public Works standby crew to respond.
9. **Note:** Damages or conditions caused by the event may be charged back to the event for time and materials. As stated above, a deposit of \$1000.00 is required. Any costs incurred by the Public Works Department for any cleanup after the event, or for damages to landscaping or fixtures, will be billed to the Applicant.

If the restroom facilities at Ives Park will not meet the needs of the event, please provide the following and check with the Public Works Department regarding this requirement:

- a. Provide two (2) portable toilets (one standard, one ADA Accessible) and one (1) hand washing station per 100 persons attending the event. Trash containers and toilets are to be placed on asphalt paved areas only and shall be removed the day following the event.
- b. In addition to the portable restroom requirements, events not securing the entire park require that any public restrooms remain accessible to the general public.
- c. Large events that create overflow event usage of the City restroom requires the event to provide one staff member to clean and service the restrooms at a minimum of once per hour.
- d. Prior to the event, please provide the Public Works Department (707-823-5331) with the name and contact information of the person assigned to restroom maintenance.
- e. A key will be issued to the event holder for the storage area containing cleaning supplies and paper products to service the restrooms.

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10. Contact the Public Works Department (707-823-5331) regarding barricades, irrigation timing, or electrical requirements.
11. Parking regulations will be enforced on the surrounding streets. There can be no blocking of access roadways, parking areas, or sidewalks for ADA accessibility. Any parking issues, including the need to reserve spaces (to be listed in the Special Event Permit Application) must be coordinated in advance with the Sebastopol Police Department and/or Public Works Department.
12. A current Certificate of Insurance with a signed, additional insured endorsement, containing policy number and effective date, naming the City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers as additional insured, must be submitted to the City Manager's office. The additional insured endorsement shall contain primary/noncontributory wording and shall be submitted with the Certificate of Insurance. Such insurance shall be provided by the applicant and/or vendors. Please be advised that insurance must be in full force at the time of the event and failure to maintain such coverage with required additional insured, primary/noncontributory wording makes the permit null and void.
13. **PLEASE NOTE THE MINIMUM COVERAGE FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**
 - a. \$3 Million General Liability per occurrence
 - b. PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY OTHER VENDOR, SUCH AS JUMPY HOUSES, CLIMBING ROCK WALLS, ETC., WILL NEED TO SATISFY ALL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS THE APPLICANT.
 - c. If liquor is proposed for the event, please ensure that the insurance contains the appropriate liquor liability requirements.
14. The City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers shall be defended, indemnified, and held harmless from any claim, action or proceeding against the City of Sebastopol, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers to attach, set aside, void, or annul the approval of this application, or which otherwise arises out of or in connection with the City's action on this application, including but not limited to, damages, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, or expert witness fees.
15. Group holding the event shall be responsible for keeping a cell phone available for emergency contact to the Police Department for any problems that may occur. In case of emergency, please provide a contact name and cell phone number to the Police Department (707-829-4400) as well as Public Works Department at citypw@cityofsebastopol.gov no later than ten days prior to the event.
16. Contact Sonoma County Health Department for a Food Industry Health Permit (if applicable) if you propose to cook, serve and/or sell food on site. Advise the caterer to contact Sebastopol Finance Office to obtain a business license. Please provide written notification to this office that the Sonoma County Health Department has been contacted and whether a permit is required or not.
17. A list of all vendors participating in the event (if applicable) must be submitted to the City of Sebastopol. Applicant and all participating vendors must obtain a Special Event Business License from the City of Sebastopol Finance Department. Please contact them at 707-823-7863.
18. All Vendors must submit a signed City of Sebastopol Event Food Service Ware Requirements for Vendors.

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19. A full description of each event/activity as well as placement of each activity in the listed areas of this permit application are required for approval by the City.
20. This is to advise you that alcohol IS proposed to be sold or served at this event.
21. All pedestrian and vehicular traffic shall be arranged and directed by the applicant in a manner that assures the safety of all individuals visiting or participating in the events.
22. The applicant shall maintain plans to ensure appropriate and safe circulation. The applicant shall be responsible for all traffic control during the event, including setup and teardown of equipment needed for execution of traffic control, including but not limited to traffic barricades.
23. No event-related promotional signs for this event shall be placed on public rights of way (streets, sidewalks, parkways, light poles, landscaped-traffic islands, etc.) or other public lands unless specifically authorized by the City and/or Caltrans. Each such promotional sign removed by the City shall be subject to a \$15.00 deduction from the event security deposit.
24. Please ensure that Best Management Practices are put into place to prevent stormwater pollution during your event and ensure that all participants and vendors are aware of the importance of protecting our watershed by eliminating improper discharges to storm drains. Please see the attached flyer.
25. No amplified music shall be played outside of the hours specified in the application materials. At the direction of the Sebastopol Police Department, the music shall be immediately terminated or otherwise modified at any time, upon determination by the Department, that it is causing an undue disturbance to nearby residents or businesses, or is unduly disruptive.
26. Please note that the City has adopted a comprehensive noise ordinance. If your event is planning to go beyond the starting or ending time for noise restrictions, please submit a letter to this office requesting a variance to this ordinance no later than twenty days prior to the start of the event.
27. Applicant is responsible for reading the City's noise ordinance, park use ordinance, no smoking ordinance and alcohol in the park ordinance.
28. The City Manager shall have the right to modify or initiate revocation of this approval at any time if any of the terms of such permit or the conditions of approval for said permit are violated, or for other good cause deemed necessary to maintain or improve the public right of way or to preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.
29. The applicant may appeal a permit denial, permit condition, or permit revocation or refusal to waive a deadline by filing an appeal within five (5) days of the date of the City Manager's decision with the Public

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Works Department at citypw@cityofsebastopol.gov. The appeal shall be heard by the City Council at its next regular meeting.

Sincerely,

Signed by:



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Don Schwartz

City Manager

Enclosure:

Copy of Permit Application

Best Management Practices

Map of Permit Area for Notification

CF: Assistant City Manager City Clerk – 707-823-1153 – mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org
Public Works Department – 707-823-5331
Planning Department – 707-823-6167
Fire Department – 707-823-8061
Police Department – 707-829-4400