

Amendments to Section 26-22-120 Periodic Special Events of the Sonoma County Code is modified as follows:

**Sec. 26-22-120. Periodic special events.**

- A. **Definition.** A periodic event such as a parade, concert, festival, race or gathering which attracts a large gathering of people either by direct participation, or as spectators.
- B. **Zoning Permit Required.** A zoning permit is required for all periodic special events, except the following, which are not considered periodic special events:
  - 1. Events conducted entirely within dedicated rights-of-way where event organizers have secured necessary encroachment or other permits;
  - 2. Events conducted entirely within a building for which all necessary county permits have been secured, provided that the events are within the scope of the use for which the building was permitted;
  - 3. Events conducted at fairgrounds or events conducted at outdoor spectator facilities for which a use permit has been obtained, provided that the outdoor event is within the scope of the use permit;
  - 4. An event which has all of the following characteristics:
    - a. Has no live amplified music;
    - b. Does not involve an admission fee either for participants or spectators;
    - c. Is a one (1) day event conducted between the hours of seven a.m. and eleven p.m.;
    - d. Does not involve overnight sleeping of participants or spectators;
    - e. Is not conducted more than one (1) calendar day in a thirty-day period;
    - f. Is not accompanied by newspaper, internet, social media, radio or television advertising or printed leaflets distributed to the public at large; and
    - g. Does not involve the sale of food or beverages.
    - h. Does not involve sale or consumption of cannabis.**
  - 5. All periodic special events may be subject to requirements of sheriff, public health, fire services, building inspection, public works, or other permitting agencies not specified in this article. Event hosts are responsible for securing approvals from applicable agencies.
- C. **Standards.**
  - 1. Periodic special events subject to a zoning permit shall comply with the following requirements, in addition to the requirements of other applicable agencies:
    - a. The event shall comply with all local and state fire codes.
    - b. Noise shall be managed in accordance with the noise element of the Sonoma County general plan.
    - c. A courtesy notice shall be posted on the property at least ten (10) days in advance of the event, which states the nature and duration of the event. Notice of the event and contact information for the event host, including a telephone number at which the event host can be reached before and at all times during the event, shall be provided at least forty-eight (48) hours before the event to at least one (1) resident of each adjacent lot. The notice shall state that a request for a public hearing may be submitted to the project planner at least 10 days in advance of the date specified on the notice.
    - d. Periodic Special Events are "restricted nonagricultural uses" in the LEA, LIA, and DA Districts. See Section 26-06-030.E for additional applicable provisions.