



Regulations Governing Block Parties

1. Persons desiring to hold a block party must apply and submit a petition containing signatures from at least 90% of all residents on the block in question. It is required that this petition be submitted **at least two weeks prior** to the date scheduled for the party. The petition should contain the location and the hours the party will be held. It should also list the names of person(s) designated as a contact who will assume responsibility for the barricades, legal considerations, and the conduct of the party attendees.
2. A Street can only be blocked from intersection to intersection to allow vehicles to detour around the block party. Horseshoe streets would need to be closed for the entire length of the street. Cul-de-sacs will be considered on an individual basis. **Blocking only a portion of the street is not allowed.** The time frame must be scheduled between the hours of 12 p.m. (Noon) and Dusk. Barricades must be removed from the street at dusk. Tables, chairs, basketball hoops etc. shall not be placed in the street prior to the closing of the street on the day of the party.
3. Once approval by the Deputy City Manager and the required barricade deposit of \$150 is received, a letter of approval will be mailed/emailed. Barricades will be dropped off prior to event. It will be the applicant's responsibility to install the barricades at the appropriate place and remove them at the end of the block party. While the street is closed, no vehicles shall be parked on the street inside the blocked-off area. **All tables, chairs and other items shall be placed on one side of the street in order to leave a 15-foot wide emergency lane open for Fire, Police, or any emergency vehicle.** The barricades must be returned to the same location that City crews dropped them off. The City will pick up the barricades the next business day.
4. No sound electronic amplification system shall be permitted.
5. **Consumption of alcohol or possession of alcohol in an open container is not permitted on a public right of way. Public right of way includes sidewalk and parkway areas.**

BLOCK PARTIES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON ANY SECTION OF STREET WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

- A traffic volume of 500 vehicles a day or greater as indicated on the latest City of Bloomington Traffic Volume Map. This map is available on the City's web site.
- Any street segment that is part of the classified system as indicated in the latest City Transportation plan published by the MCRPC.
- Any section of street with a speed limit of 35 mph and above, and/or any section of street that is on the B/N Public Transit Routes
- Any one-way section of street must apply for a Special Events Permit no later than 60 days prior to the event. Applications for Special Events can be found on the City's website or by calling the Downtown Development office at (309)434-2295