

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Revision of New York City Department of Parks & Recreation's Rules

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN the Commissioner of the Department of Parks & Recreation ("the Department") by Sections 389 and 533(a)(9) of the New York City Charter and in accordance with the emergency procedures set forth in Section 1043(i) of the New York City Charter, the Department hereby revises Chapter 2 to Title 56 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York to add a new section 2-08(c)(7). This rule will take effect immediately.

Statement of Basis and Purpose of Emergency Rule

Each year the Department issues permits to special events occurring in parks and other properties under the jurisdiction of the Department which may include the use of a particular park over several days, the erection of structures, the vending of food, apparel and other goods, the use of amplified sound, and the performance of music. To ensure the safety and proper order for many of these events, particularly those that anticipate large crowds, members of the New York City Police Department ("NYPD") must be on-site. This diverts resources from regular assignments and increases overtime costs to the City. These events also divert NYPD from core crime fighting, public safety and counter-terrorism duties.

This year, New York City will be hosting events associated with the FIFA World Cup from June 11, 2026 through July 19, 2026, which overlaps with planned celebrations for the United States 250th anniversary from July 1, 2026 through July 9, 2026. The events associated with the FIFA World Cup and the United States 250th anniversary will require significant realignment and deployment of NYPD personnel, which will further divert resources from regular assignments or require the scheduling of NYPD overtime.

To more effectively deploy police resources and control overtime costs, the NYPD has recommended that the Department deny certain permit applications for new events between June 11, 2026 and July 19, 2026. In response to this recommendation, the Department is adopting this rule to authorize the Department to deny permit applications for special events on property under the Department's jurisdiction during this period if: (i) the event was not held in the 2025 calendar year; (ii) the event is not a demonstration; and (iii) the Commissioner determines, in consultation with NYPD, that the agencies do not have sufficient resources to ensure public safety and welfare at and around such event. Events that received permits in calendar year 2025, demonstrations, smaller events that do not require a police presence, and events proposed on dates prior to June 11, 2026 or after July 19, 2026 are not affected by this rule.

The Department's authority for these rules is found in Sections 389, 533(a)(9), and 1043 of the New York City Charter.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

“Shall” and “must” denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this Department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 2-08 of chapter 2 of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

- (c) Upon application, the Commissioner may deny a permit if:
- (1) the location sought is not suitable because of landscaping, planting, or other environmental conditions reasonably likely to be harmed by the proposed event;
 - (2) the location sought is not suitable because it is a specialized area including, but not limited to, a zoo, swimming pool, or skating rink, or because the proposed event is of such nature or duration that it cannot reasonably be accommodated in that location;
 - (3) the date and time requested have previously been allotted by permit;
 - (4) within the preceding two years, the applicant has been granted a permit and did, on that prior occasion, knowingly violate a material term or condition of the permit, or any law, ordinance, statute or regulation relating to use of the parks;
 - (5) the event would interfere unreasonably with the enjoyment of the park by other users;
- [or]
- (6) with respect to events on the Great Lawn, the conditions for events contained in subdivision (t) of this section are not complied with[.]; or
 - (7) with respect to an event proposed to occur between June 11, 2026 and July 19, 2026:
 - (A) the event was not held in the calendar year 2025;
 - (B) the event is not a demonstration; and
 - (C) the Commissioner determines, in consultation with the Police Commissioner and other relevant agencies, that sufficient resources to ensure public safety and welfare at or around the event are not available.

REQUIRED FINDING PURSUANT TO NEW YORK CITY CHARTER SECTION 1043(i)(1)

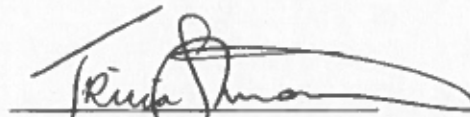
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the immediate effectiveness of this rule, which allows the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (the "Department") to deny certain special event permits between June 11, 2026 and July 19, 2026, is necessary to aid the New York City Police Department ("NYPD") in effectively deploying police resources.

To ensure the safety and proper order of public events throughout the City of New York, members of the NYPD must often be on-site at certain special events held in locations under the Department's jurisdiction. This diverts resources from regular assignments and increases overtime costs to the City. This year, New York City will be hosting events associated with the FIFA World Cup from June 11, 2026 through July 19, 2026, which also overlaps with planned celebrations for the United States 250th anniversary from July 1, 2026 through July 9, 2026. The events associated with the FIFA World Cup and United States 250th anniversary will require significant realignment and deployment of NYPD personnel, which will further divert resources from regular assignments and from crime fighting, public safety, and counter-terrorism duties.

The Department has already begun receiving applications for new events proposed to be held between June 11, 2026 and July 19, 2026 on property under the Department's jurisdiction. This emergency rule is necessary to immediately allow the Department to deny permit applications for new events that are not demonstrations from June 11, 2026 to July 19, 2026, when the Commissioner determines in consultation with NYPD that their agencies do not have sufficient resources to ensure public safety and order at such events. Delaying implementation of this rule pending non-emergency rulemaking would obligate the Department to allow certain new non-demonstration events during this period, which would require an unacceptable diversion of NYPD resources and foreseeably cause an unnecessary risk to the safety of New Yorkers.

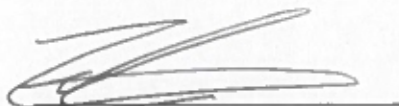
Therefore, this rule must take effect immediately in accordance with New York City Charter Section 1043(i). Pursuant to Section 1043(i)(2) of the Charter, the emergency rule will remain in effect for not more than 120 days while the Department prepares a permanent rule.

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