



The Orange County Block Party Ordinance was adopted for the protection of residents and property during a large neighborhood event. Its primary purpose is to alert appropriate agencies that a large event is occurring so that preparations can be made in the event of an emergency.

A block party is an event that...

- ❖ Takes place in a residential area
- ❖ Requires closing off neighborhood streets (including cul-de-sacs) preventing cars (or other motorized vehicles) from coming through
- ❖ Can begin no earlier than 10 AM and end no later than 10 PM, the same day (except on New Year's Eve, when the event must end by 1 AM on January 1st)
- ❖ Attendance must not exceed 100 persons at any point in time (in the barricaded area)
- ❖ Alcoholic beverages may not be permitted, served or consumed on the street

THE BLOCK PARTY ORDINANCE DOES NOT APPLY TO:

- ❖ Community garage sales (separate permit see Orange County Zoning Division 407-836-3111)

- ❖ Individual house parties where the street is not blocked (even though on-street parking may constrain traffic flow)
- ❖ Events held on common area property

Applying for the permit

Organizations (or persons) wishing to conduct a block party must make application for a permit. The application is available at Orange Fire Marshall's Office, 109 E. Church Street, Orlando, or on line at:

www.orangecountyfl.net/cms/DEPT/ocfrd/ofm/formsanddocuments.htm

- ❖ Enclose a \$25.00 application fee (non refundable)
- ❖ Application must be filed with the Fire Marshall's Office within ten calendar days before the event
- ❖ Include a site map identifying where the party will take place and the local streets or portion of the streets that will be blocked to traffic
- ❖ Obtain signatures of the majority of residents along the proposed closed street
- ❖ Describe the nature of any live entertainment (the County may prohibit or place conditions on live entertainment)

Permit review is conducted by the following Orange County government agencies that will provide comments, concerns and recommendations to Orange County Fire Rescue, who will approve or deny the application:

- ❖ Fire Marshall
- ❖ Risk Management
- ❖ Public Works

- ❖ Sheriff
- ❖ Other divisions as necessary (for example, Neighborhood Services or Utilities)

Other Considerations

- ❖ The applicant must have a plan to control event parking; parking must not create a hazard near the block party site
- ❖ The applicant must provide cones or movable barricades to indicate where streets are blocked
- ❖ No motor vehicles, inflatable, tents, canopies, banners, stages and/or fixed barriers may block access to the street
- ❖ Sound amplification is permitted, but subject to the Noise and Vibration Control Ordinance
- ❖ For residents living in neighborhoods with a homeowner association, applicants should provide a copy of the application to their board, as a courtesy, but this is not required by the ordinance

Suspension or revocation of permit

The Fire Marshall's Office may suspend or revoke a block-party permit if it finds that the block party is being conducted in a manner contrary to the permit, or to any of the provisions of the ordinance.

Penalties/remedies

Conducting a block party without an approved permit is in violation of county code No. 2007-03 and Florida State Statute Section 125.69. Penalties may apply to violations under both.

Additional Information:

To know if you have a homeowners association call Florida Department of State at:
1-800-755-5111 or On-line
www.sunbiz.org/corinam.html

To register your organization with Orange County call Neighborhood Services Division at:
407-836-5606 or On-line
www.ocfl.net/neighborhoods

To get assistance with the barricades contact Orange County Neighborhood Services at:
407-836-0916 or send e-mail to
Carla.McClendon@ocfl.net

Not sure if you need a permit for a event or/and project call Orange County 311 or 407-836-3111



Orange County Fire Marshal
109 E. Church Street, Lower level
Orlando, FL 32801-3319

For questions or concerns please call the Fire Marshal's office at 407-836-8378.

Para más información favor de llamar a la oficina del Fire Marshal al (407) 836-8378

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Permit



Possible Barricade Vendors

United Rentals
898 W. Landstreet Road
Contact: Don at 407-816-8166

Sunbelt Rentals
5340 Old Winter Garden Rd
Contact: Steve Fowler at 407-294-1967

National Barricades
Contact: Barbara at 407-751-1500

Flash-Rite, Inc
160 W. Evergreen Ave
Longwood, Fl
Contact: Richard at 407-834-0408

Bob's Barricades
1900 Diversified Way
Contact: Lynn at 407-855-7186

Acme Barricades
3600 Silver Star Road
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