

CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON
POLICY REGARDING ALCOHOL AT PUBLIC FESTIVALS OR SPECIAL EVENTS
PURSUANT TO NORTH CHARLESTON CODE OF
ORDINANCES SECTION 3-2 (b)

The City of North Charleston permits the responsible and lawful use of alcohol at pre-approved special events and festivals pursuant to the following policies. These policies are intended to increase the safety of event/festival participants as well as the general public. They are also intended to decrease breaches of the peace and tranquility of the City of North Charleston.

Compliance with Laws. All federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding the use and serving of alcohol must be adhered to at all times. No permit or other approval issued by the City shall be considered to continue a waiver of any law.

Boundaries for the Event. Applications for festival / special event approval must clearly define the proposed event boundaries. Graphic depictions of proposed boundaries are permissible. Such boundaries must be drawn in such a manner that they must not pose a material risk of unreasonably interfering with traffic flow, public safety, or the peace and tranquility of neighboring land uses. Should an event be approved, all use of alcoholic beverages shall be confined to the area within the designated boundaries.

Liability Insurance. Applicants shall be required to procure, from an insurance company reasonably acceptable to the City, one million dollars of insurance coverage naming the City of North Charleston as an additional named insured (or functional equivalent thereof) for liability for all occurrences relating to the event or festival including serving alcoholic beverages.

Security -Event organizers must provide and implement security measures sufficient to ensure the safety of participants, the public, and property and sufficient to keep visitors of the festival or event within the boundaries approved by the City. A detailed plan shall be submitted to the Municipal Clerk twenty (20) days prior to the festival / event. Off-duty police officers must be hired for the security.

Containers in Which Alcohol May Be Served. All beverages shall be served in clear cups that are not made from glass.

Hours of Event. The festival or event shall not sell alcoholic beverages prior to twelve noon the day of the festival. The festival or event shall conclude no later than 10:00 p.m. and alcoholic beverages shall not be served after 9:30 p.m.

Non-discrimination. No person shall be excluded from attending the event based upon non-membership in any organization. However, with respect to rented venues, uninvited guests may be excluded.

Application Form. Applications for approval shall be made to the City on a standard form provided by the City. The initial application form shall be as follows, though the same may be modified and refined from time to time by Staff based on experience and to accommodate such changes in policies and roles. Applications should be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to a scheduled event / festival.

City Approval. Approval for special events / festivals pursuant to this policy shall be demonstrated by an approved resolution adopted by City Council, except that with respect to events to be held at City Owned properties administrative approval shall be sufficient and with respect to venues licensed by the state with respect to alcohol no special approval shall be required so long as the licensee operates within the confines of his / her state-issued license. No approvals shall be given for locations owned by the Cooper River Parks and Playgrounds Commission.