

**TOWN OF BRIDGTON
OUTDOOR FESTIVAL ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgton are deeply concerned about the tremendous crowds which have attended outdoor pageants, amusement shows, theatrical performances, including music festivals and exhibitions, in various parts of the United States and the results thereof, and

WHEREAS, said events have led to serious problems in the way of inadequate toilet, waste disposal, potable water, and first aid facilities, obstructions and damages to roads and highways, violations of liquor and drug laws, and destruction of both public and private property.

Now, therefore, the following ordinance is passed in the interest of promoting the general welfare, preventing disease, promoting health and providing for the public safety.

1. No person shall exhibit, sponsor, hold, promote or operate any pageant, amusement show, theatrical performance, including a music festival or exhibition where an excess of 500 people are reasonably anticipated to attend and where a substantial portion of the entertainment will be out of doors without first procuring from the Municipal Officers a license therefore at least seven (7) days prior to the event and payment of the sum of \$100.00 to the Town therefore.

2. No license shall be granted by the Municipal Officers unless the applicant satisfies the Municipal Officers or their designee(s) that the following facilities will be available for such an event in the area to be used and no such person shall hold such an event unless such facilities are available. The applicant must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the state and the municipality prior to being issued a license. The Town's Code Enforcement Officer shall be the designee responsible for confirming same.

A. Separate male and female sanitary facilities shall be available and connected to a public sewer system or septic tank.

B. Adequate metal, wood or plastic containers with a height of at least two feet and diameter of at least two feet shall be spaced in the area to take care of the solid waste and garbage, with at least one container for each reasonably anticipated 100 persons. Within 24 hours after the close of the event such waste material shall be removed to a public solid waste disposal facility.

C. First Aid facility shall be provided on the grounds with at least one ambulance in attendance and one doctor for each 1,000 persons.

D. Off the street parking facilities shall be furnished with at least one car space with adequate access ways for each six persons reasonably expected to attend. A uniformed police officer or constable shall be provided to direct traffic to and from public ways with at least one officer for each reasonably expected 500 persons.

E. Prior to the issuance of the license and the holding of the event, the applicant shall furnish a corporate surety bond from a company authorized to do business in Maine insuring that forthwith after the event the grounds will be cleaned of waste and damages to public or private property in the area arising out of or in connection with the event will be promptly paid; such bond to be in the amount of \$5,000.00 for each expected 500 persons in attendance.

F. The applicant shall file with his application adequate proof that he has authority from any landowners to use his property and shall furnish a plan showing the size of the area to be used, with designated locations for drinking, toilet and washing facilities, waste containers, first aid facilities and off the street parking.

3. Each part of this Ordinance is severable and if any phrase, clause sentence or provision is declared to be contrary to law, the validity of the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

4. Any person, directly or indirectly, exhibiting, promoting, sponsoring, operating or holding such event as owner, lessor, lessee, landlord, tenant, operator or entertainer and not complying with this Ordinance shall be liable for a fine of \$1,000.00 per say for each infraction, shall be personally responsible for damages to public or private property arising out of or in connection therewith and shall be subject to any civil or injunctive relief that may be reasonable and proper. Any fine imposed under this Ordinance shall accrue to the benefit of the Town of Bridgton.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Enacted 5/71

Re-enacted with amendments 6/9/93

See also 22 MRS 1601 et seq.