

## Other Frequently Asked Questions

### ■ Is a private party classified as an Event of Public Interest?

If the private event (such as a corporate picnic, or a wedding) occurs at a public location (such as a commercial establishment, or a park district area, etc.) and generates more traffic, parking and/or other impacts than would be normally associated with the regular activity on the property, the private event would be regulated as a Event of Public Interest.

### ■ How much does it cost to obtain a temporary use permit?

Current fee schedules are available on the Lake County Website at <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/planning/publications/links.htm> and at the Lake County Planning Building and Development Department.

### ■ How do I obtain a copy of the UDO and Zoning Maps to determine whether my property would allow an Event of Public Interest?

A copy of the text and maps may be downloaded for no charge from the Lake County Website at <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/planning/publications/links.htm>  
Full-size zoning maps for each township are available for a fee at the 5th Floor Counter. Copies of the UDO are available for a fee on the 6th Floor.



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## What is an Event of Public Interest?

“Events of Public Interest” include, but are not limited to picnics, races for motorized vehicles, water craft or air craft events, fishing derbies, dinner dances, fund raisers, survival games, haunted houses, outdoor concerts, auctions, tent meetings and supervised public display of fireworks. Events of public interest require a temporary use permit subject to the requirements for temporary uses in the Lake County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). An application for an Event of Public Interest (available at <http://lakecountyil.gov/planning/publications/Forms.htm>) must be filled out and submitted to the Lake County Planning, Building and Development Department prior to issuance of a Temporary Use Permit .

## Where are Events of Public Interest allowed in Unincorporated Lake County?

Events of Public Interest are permitted in Residential Zoning Districts only when located on the site of a permitted nonresidential use, and are permitted by right in all other Zoning Districts, subject to certain standards.

## What are the Specific Zoning Requirements for Events of Public Interest?

All temporary uses are subject to the following general standards:

- Applications for temporary uses must be submitted at least 30 days before the start of the temporary use, to allow

sufficient application processing time in advance of the temporary use.

- Access approval from the highway authority having jurisdiction over the subject road is required.
- A building permit must be obtained prior to the construction of any temporary structures.
- A site plan, drawn to scale, showing the location of structures, improvements, parking areas and other features that exist or are proposed on the site is required.
- The Planning, Building and Development Director is authorized to require evidence of approval from the Lake County Health Department regarding temporary sanitary facilities.
- Any food service operation that sells, prepares or serves potentially hazardous food must obtain an approved Food Service Permit from the Lake County Health Department and is subject to inspection.

Events of Public Interest are also subject to the following specific standards:

- Unless otherwise expressly approved, all uses and activities are limited to specified hours and a maximum of 7 days per calendar year (per zoning lot). A Conditional Use Permit is required to extend the number of events per calendar year.
- Traffic control must be arranged by the operators of the event with the Lake County Sheriff's Office.
- Public parking for the exclusive use of the facility/event must be provided and a stabilized drive to the parking area must be maintained. It is the responsibility of the

operators to guide traffic to these areas. No parking shall be permitted on any road or public right-of-way.

- The site must be cleared of all debris within 24 hours of the end of the event and cleared of all temporary structures within 7 days after closing of the event. A cash bond or other assurance may be required by the Planning, Building and Development Director to ensure clean-up.
- If liquor will be used, sold or consumed on the property, a liquor permit must be obtained from the Chairman of the Lake County Liquor Commission, as required by the Liquor Control Ordinance.
- The Planning, Building and Development Director is authorized to require proof of insurance to ensure public safety and protection.
- Noise levels associated with events of public interest, except for supervised display of fireworks, cannot exceed 60 dB(A) (SLOW meter response) at the property line of any abutting property zoned and used for residential purposes.
- A temporary use permit for supervised public displays of fireworks may only be issued subject to the terms and conditions of the Fireworks Ordinance of Lake County.

**Further information about the regulations pertaining to Events of Public Interest can be obtained by accessing the Lake County Website at <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/planning/publications/links.htm> or by calling the Zoning Administration at (847) 377-2875.**