

## **NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF FINAL RULE**

### **MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CITYWIDE EVENT COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT OFFICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CITYWIDE EVENTS COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT** by Executive Order No. 105 of 2007, and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, that the Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management has amended Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Compilation of Rules of the City of New York relating to street activity permits.

Notice regarding a public hearing about the amendment was first published on October 21, 2024, with a hearing held November 20, 2024, and the agency accepting comments until November 20, 2024. Approximately 11 comments were received. Among all comments, 7 people misunderstood what the proposed rule provided and thought that SAPO would deny all block parties in calendar year 2025 instead of newly proposed street fairs. SAPO also received comments from some community organizations and residents in support of the extension of this existing street fair moratorium. The agency is prepared to make available for public inspection all written and oral comments it received on the matter, within a reasonable time after receipt, between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at the Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management, 253 Broadway, 6th Floor, New York, New York 10007.

#### **Statement of Basis and Purpose**

To more effectively deploy police resources and control overtime costs, the New York City Police Department has recommended that SAPO exercise its discretion to deny permit applications for new multi-block/multi-day street fair events in calendar year 2025. This rule authorizes SAPO to deny permit applications for street fairs if the street fair was not held in the calendar year 2024. Events that received permits in calendar year 2024 may be eligible to receive permits again in calendar year 2025.

Each year SAPO issues permits to over 200 street fairs and over 6,000 other events, most of which include the use of multiple blocks over several days, the erection of structures, the vending of food, apparel and other goods and the use of amplified sound and the performance of music. Events like these require additional police officers which increases overtime costs to the City. These events also divert police officers from core crime fighting, public safety and counterterrorism duties.

CECM authority for this rule is found in section 1043 of the New York City Charter, Local Law 8 of 2021, and Executive Orders Nos. 100 and 105 of 2007, which established and conferred rulemaking authority upon the Coordinator of Citywide Special Events.

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 (d) of section 1-05 of chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(d) For the calendar year [2024] 2025, the Director will deny applications for Street event permits for [street] Street fairs not held in the calendar year [2023] 2024.

