

**MAYOR’S OFFICE OF CITYWIDE EVENT COORDINATION AND
MANAGEMENT STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT OFFICE
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management by Executive Order No. 105 of 2007, and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, 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 20, 2025, with a hearing held November 20, 2025, and the agency accepted comments until November 20, 2025. The Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) received 39 comments. Among all comments, 18 commenters misinterpreted the proposed rule to mean that SAPO would deny all block parties and civic street events in calendar year 2026. Block parties and civic multi-block community-based Street events are not restricted by this Moratorium. SAPO also received comments from some community organizations and residents in support of the extension of this existing street fair moratorium. No changes were made to the proposed rule.

Statement of Basis and Purpose of Proposed Rule

The Office of Citywide Events Coordination and Management (CECM), which oversees the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO), administers New York City’s permit system for street activities, including block parties and fairs. Each year SAPO issues permits to over 200 street fairs and over 5,000 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. To ensure the safety and proper order of these events, members of the New York City Police Department (NYPD) must be on-site. This diverts resources away from regular assignments and increases overtime costs to the City. These events also divert NYPD from core crime fighting, public safety and counter-terrorism duties.

To more effectively deploy police resources and control overtime costs, the NYPD has recommended that SAPO exercise its discretion to deny permit applications for new events in calendar year 2026. The proposed rules will authorize SAPO to deny permit applications for street fairs if the street fair was not held in the calendar year 2025. Events that received permits in calendar year 2025 may be eligible to receive permits again in calendar year 2026. SAPO will continue to accept applications for new street fairs that are no more than one block in length and one day in duration.

CECM authority for these rules is found in section 1043 of the New York City Charter and Executive Order Nos. 100 and 105 of 2007.

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 [2025] 2026, the Director will deny applications for Street event permits for Street fairs not held in the calendar year [2024] 2025, provided however that the Director may, in his or her discretion, grant applications for new Street fairs that are no more than one block in length and one day in duration.



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Re: Extension of Street Fair Moratorium

No. 2025 RG 086

Dear Executive Director Tolson:

Pursuant to New York City Charter § 1043 subd. c, the above-referenced rule has been reviewed and determined to be within the authority delegated by law to your agency.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven L. Goulden

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