

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

What are we proposing? The Department of Parks and Recreation (“the Department”) is considering amending its rules to authorize the Department to deny certain special event permit applications between June 11, 2026 and July 19, 2026.

When and where is the Hearing? The Department will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. The hearing will be in at the Chelsea Recreation Center located at 430 West 25th Street, Manhattan.

How do I comment on the proposed rules? Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Website.** You can submit comments to the Department through the NYC rules Web site at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email written comments to nyc.rules@parks.nyc.gov.
- **Mail.** You can mail written comments to: The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, The Arsenal, Central Park, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10065.
- **Fax.** You can fax written comments to 212-360-1373.
- **Hearing.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by calling 212-360-1313 or by emailing nyc.rules@parks.nyc.gov. You can also sign up in the hearing room before the hearing begins on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. You may speak for up to three minutes. Please note that the hearing is for accepting oral testimony only and is not held in a “Question and Answer” format.

Is there a deadline to submit written comments? You must submit written comments by Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

Do you need assistance to participate in the Hearing? You must tell the Office of General Counsel if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the Hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by mail or email at the addresses given above. You may also tell us by telephone at 212-360-1313. You must tell us by June 12, 2026.

Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules? You can review the comments made online concerning the proposed rules by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>. Copies of all comments submitted online and copies of all written comments concerning the proposed rules will be available to members of the public, who may request them by mail or email at the addresses given above. You may also request the comments by telephone at 212-360-1313.

What authorizes the Department to make this rule? Sections 389, 533(a)(9), and 1043 of the City Charter authorize the Parks Department to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was

not included in the Parks Department's regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year because it was not contemplated when agencies needed to submit an agenda.

Where can I find the Department's rules? The Department's rules are in Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York.

What rules govern the rulemaking process? The Department must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043 of the Charter.

Statement of Basis and Purpose of Proposed Rule

Each year the Department issues permits to special events occurring in parks and other properties under the jurisdiction of the Department which may include the use of a particular park over several days, the erection of structures, the vending of food, apparel and other goods, the use of amplified sound, and the performance of music. To ensure the safety and proper order for many of these events, particularly those that anticipate large crowds, members of the New York City Police Department (“NYPD”) must be on-site. This diverts resources 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.

This year, New York City will be hosting events associated with the FIFA World Cup from June 11, 2026 through July 19, 2026, which overlaps with planned celebrations for the United States 250th anniversary from July 1, 2026 through July 9, 2026. The events associated with the FIFA World Cup and the United States 250th anniversary will require significant realignment and deployment of NYPD personnel, which will further divert resources from regular assignments or require the scheduling of NYPD overtime.

To more effectively deploy police resources and control overtime costs, the NYPD has recommended that the Department deny certain permit applications for new events between June 11, 2026 and July 19, 2026. In response to this recommendation, the Department is proposing this rule to authorize the Department to deny permit applications for special events on property under the Department’s jurisdiction during this period if: (i) the event was not held in the 2025 Calendar Year; (ii) the event is not a demonstration; and (iii) the Commissioner determines, in consultation with NYPD, that the agencies do not have sufficient resources to ensure public safety and welfare at and around such event. Events that received permits in Calendar Year 2025, demonstrations, smaller events that do not require a police presence, and events proposed on dates prior to June 11, 2026 or after July 19, 2026 are not affected by this rule.

On March 18, 2026, the Department adopted a version of this rule as an emergency rule pursuant to Section 1043(i) of the New York City Charter. The rule is in effect until May 18, 2026. An extension of the emergency rule until July 17, 2026, is necessary to afford the Department the opportunity for notice and comment and time to adopt a final rule as required by Section 1043 of the New York City Charter. This proposed rule would make the emergency rule permanent.

The Department’s authority for these rules is found in Sections 389, 533(a)(9), and 1043 of the New York City Charter.

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 (c) of section 2-08 of chapter 2 of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

- (c) Upon application, the Commissioner may deny a permit if:
- (1) the location sought is not suitable because of landscaping, planting, or other environmental conditions reasonably likely to be harmed by the proposed event;
 - (2) the location sought is not suitable because it is a specialized area including, but not limited to, a zoo, swimming pool, or skating rink, or because the proposed event is of such nature or duration that it cannot reasonably be accommodated in that location;
 - (3) the date and time requested have previously been allotted by permit;
 - (4) within the preceding two years, the applicant has been granted a permit and did, on that prior occasion, knowingly violate a material term or condition of the permit, or any law, ordinance, statute or regulation relating to use of the parks;
 - (5) the event would interfere unreasonably with the enjoyment of the park by other users;
- [or]
- (6) with respect to events on the Great Lawn, the conditions for events contained in subdivision (t) of this section are not complied with[.]; or
 - (7) with respect to an event proposed to occur between June 11, 2026 and July 19, 2026:
 - (A) the event was not held in the calendar year 2025;
 - (B) the event is not a demonstration; and
 - (C) the Commissioner determines, in consultation with the Police Commissioner and other relevant agencies, that sufficient resources to ensure public safety and welfare at or around the event are not available.

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
CHARTER §1043(d)**

RULE TITLE: Amendment of Rules Relating to Special Event Permits (Permanent Rule)

REFERENCE NUMBER: 2026 RG 038

RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Parks and Recreation

I certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed rule as required by section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the above-referenced proposed rule:

- (i) is drafted so as to accomplish the purpose of the authorizing provisions of law;
- (ii) is not in conflict with other applicable rules;
- (iii) to the extent practicable and appropriate, is narrowly drawn to achieve its stated purpose; and
- (iv) to the extent practicable and appropriate, contains a statement of basis and purpose that provides a clear explanation of the rule and the requirements imposed by the rule.

/s/ STEVEN GOULDEN
Senior Counsel

Date: May 13, 2026

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**CERTIFICATION / ANALYSIS
PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1043(d)**

RULE TITLE: Amendment of Rules Relating to Special Event Permits (Permanent Rule)

REFERENCE NUMBER: DPR-28

RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Parks and Recreation

I certify that this office has analyzed the proposed rule referenced above as required by Section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the proposed rule referenced above:

- (i) Is understandable and written in plain language for the discrete regulated community or communities;
- (ii) Minimizes compliance costs for the discrete regulated community or communities consistent with achieving the stated purpose of the rule; and
- (iii) Does not provide a cure period because it does not establish a violation, modification of a violation, or modification of the penalties associated with a violation.

/s/ Francisco X. Navarro
Mayor's Office of Operations

May 13, 2026
Date