

Chapter 79 -- Parades

79.010. Permits Required. No procession or parade, except a funeral procession, the Armed Forces of the United States, the military forces of this State, and the forces of the Police and Fire Departments shall occupy, march, or proceed along any street except in accordance with a permit issued by the Chief of Police and other regulations herein which may apply. Any person or organization seeking a permit for a parade must file a written application with the Chief of Police no less than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled parade. Such application must include at least the following information:

- a. identity of all sponsors;
- b. statement of purpose;
- c. description and estimate of number of participants;
- d. proposed route, date, and time; and
- e. estimated duration of parade.

79.020. Appeal Procedure. Any person aggrieved by the denial of a parade permit shall have the right to appeal the denial in the following manner:

- a. Within five (5) days of the denial of the request, the appeal shall be taken to the Mayor, who will hear the appeal within three (3) days of the request.
- b. If the Mayor upholds the denial of the parade permit, the appealing party may, within three (3) days of the denial, appeal to the Board of Aldermen which shall hear the appeal at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

79.030. Standards for Upholding Permit Denial. No denial of issuance of parade permit shall be upheld unless the person or body hearing the appeal finds that:

- a. The conduct of the parade will substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its route;
- b. The conduct of the parade will require such diversion of so great a number of police officers of the City to properly police the line of movement and the area contiguous thereto as to prevent normal police protection to the City;

c. The conduct of such parade will require the diversion of so great a number of ambulances as to prevent normal ambulance service to portions of the City other than that to be occupied by the proposed line of march areas contiguous thereto;

d. The concentration of persons, animals, and vehicles at assembly points of the parade will unduly interfere with proper fire and police protection of, or ambulance service to, areas contiguous to such assembly areas;

e. The conduct of such parade will interfere with the movement of fire fighting equipment en route to a fire;

f. The parade is not scheduled to move from its point or origin to its point of termination expeditiously and without unreasonable delays en route; or

g. The parade is to be held for the sole purpose of advertising any product, goods, or event and is designed to be held purely for private profit.