

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Fee:** (Check one)  \$25.00 (>60 days)  \$250.00 (<60 days)

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_  New Event  Returning Event (RE)  RE w/ Changes

Location of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Event:(list all event activities) \_\_\_\_\_

Event Website: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning date and time of event activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Ending date and time of event activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning set-up date and time: \_\_\_\_\_

Ending of tear down date and time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor/Hosting Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (include City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (include City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of audience is the event planned for: \_\_\_\_\_

How many participants expected: \_\_\_\_\_ Spectators: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Map of Event Site / Route Description:** A detailed map must be attached to this application. Please indicate the following, if applicable, on the map: Route Direction and Staging Areas, Street Closures, Event Site, No Parking Areas, Traffic Control/Barricades, etc. Please see item #5 of the corresponding event guidelines. Use of electronic mapping (e.g., Google maps, Beacon, etc.) is encouraged.

**Street Closures:** Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Temporary No Parking Request:** Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Time: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

**Traffic Control/Barricades:** (see item #14 of corresponding event guidelines)

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Time: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Traffic Control/Barricades Responsible Party Designees (name two):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (must answer if called): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (must answer if called): \_\_\_\_\_

List the detailed route for parades, runs, walks, etc. Include staging areas. List street closures, temporary no parking requests and traffic control/barricade usage for your event:

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**Parking:** Are you requesting that vehicles be permitted to drive or park on public park grounds?

Yes  No If yes, please provide detailed description of types of vehicles and locations:

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**Park Pavilions:** Will you be using Park Pavilions?  Yes  No If yes, please see item #16 of the corresponding event guidelines. Please describe the pavilion(s) including hours of use that you have reserved for this event as well as city electrical and water use:

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**Sound Systems:** Will you be using a sound system?  Yes  No If yes, please see item #17 of the corresponding event guidelines regarding noise control. Please indicate if you will be using any of the following sound systems:

Recorded Music  Live Music  Amplified Sound/Speaker  Public Address

**Fireworks:** Are you requesting approval to discharge fireworks at this event?  Yes  No

If yes, please see item #18 of the corresponding event guidelines.

**Restrooms:** You are required to provide adequate restroom facilities. ADA standards require that at least one or 5% of restroom facilities be handicapped accessible. Will additional restroom facilities be brought to the site event?

Yes Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tents/Canopies/Stages:** Are you planning to use a tent, canopy or stage?  Yes  No

If yes, please see item #19 of the corresponding event guidelines and complete the following:

Tent - Size \_\_\_\_\_  Canopy - Size \_\_\_\_\_  Stage - Size \_\_\_\_\_

**Alcohol:** Will you be serving alcohol at this event?  Yes  No If yes, please see item #20 of the corresponding event guidelines for permit and application requirements.

**Food/Beverage Vendors:** Will food or beverages be served at this event?  Yes  No

If yes, please see item #21 of the corresponding event guidelines and complete the following:

Is the event:  For profit  Non-profit

Is the food:  Provided free of charge  Available for purchase

Is the food:  Cooked/prepared on site  Cooked on open fire  Cooked using propane

Prepared / distributed by a Mobile Food Vendor (MFV) (See MFV Requirements at [www.newtongov.org](http://www.newtongov.org))

List types of food and/or beverages to be served: \_\_\_\_\_

**Clean up/Trash Removal:** Clean up of the event area immediately following the event, including trash removal, is the responsibility of the applicant. Applicant shall provide the name and phone number of the contractor responsible for clean-up of the event site as well as the contractor responsible for the removal of trash from the event site.

Contractor or organization responsible for clean up:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor or organization responsible to **remove trash from the site:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Animals:** Do you plan to use animals for your event?  Yes  No *If yes, please note additional insurance may be required.*

**Off Duty Police Officers:** Off Duty Police Officers may be required for street closures, alcohol sales, or large crowds. Contact the Police Department to discuss requirements forty-five (45) days prior to the event. *(Check all that apply.)*

Street Closures  Alcohol Requested  Large Crowds Expected

**Severe Weather Contingency Plan:** Severe weather can happen at any time. Safety is the number one priority. You must designate two individuals to monitor weather conditions throughout the event and notify event attendees in a timely manner of delays, cancellations, and/or postponement resulting from severe weather during the event.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (must answer if called): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (must answer if called): \_\_\_\_\_

**SEVERE WEATHER PLAN:** In the event of severe weather, the following locations are designated as the best available protective areas for OUTDOOR open spaces (include these on the site map). Locations should reasonably accommodate anticipated audience.

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**County Property:** Will any portion of your event take place on property owned by Jasper County?  Yes  No  
If yes, have you completed a Jasper County Property Use Application and did you receive permission from the Jasper County Board of Supervisors?  Yes  No

**Insurance Requirements:** Applicant shall procure and maintain insurance to cover all risk which shall arise directly or indirectly from the Special Event for which the City provides a permit. Please read item #22 in the corresponding event guidelines. **I have read and agree to follow the special insurance guidelines for a Special Event.** \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

I certify the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations governing the proposed special event under the City of Newton Municipal Code, and I understand this application is made subject to the rules and regulations established by the City Council, the City Administrator or the City Administrator's designee. I agree to comply with all other requirements of the City, State, Federal Government and any other applicable entity which may pertain to the use of the Event venue and the conduct of the Event. I agree to abide by these rules, and further certify that I am, on behalf of the Host Organization, also authorized to commit that organization, and therefore, agree to be financially responsible for any costs or fees that may be incurred by or on behalf of the Event to the City of Newton. I understand and agree the City of Newton may rescind its permission to use City property at any time should it be determined to be in the best interest of the City. Additions and/or revisions to this application may need to be submitted in writing. By signing this special event application, the applicant agrees and understands this application is not permission to violate any laws, ordinances, or statutes. The Newton Police Department has the authority, in the interest of public welfare, safety, or order, to terminate the event without notice. Applicant agrees to defend and hold City of Newton harmless from any and all claims by third parties and all invitees, patrons, employees, agents, and/or assignees to subcontractors of Applicant arising out of any act or failure to act by Applicant or any invitee, patron, employees, agent, assignee or subcontractor of Applicant.

*Applicant Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicant's Printed Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Organization Position/Title: (if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: City Administrator's Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Application Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Notified On: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification sent: Police  Fire  Public Works

Admin. Approval Recommended: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Conditions:

## City of Newton Special Events Guidelines

1. Special events are encouraged in Newton for two reasons: 1) they are community building in nature, and 2) they showcase the Newton community to visitors. This special event policy applies to all events where attendance is expected to be in **excess of two-hundred (200) people** including attendees and staffing. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that these special events are safe, well-organized, and provide residents and visitors with a positive impression of the Newton Community.

Exceptions:

- a. Events contained completely on private property for businesses designated for entertainment.
  - b. Events contained completely on private property for religious organizations or events.
  - c. Events contained completely within a park in the City of Newton. Discussion regarding the size of the event in a park should be completed with the Community Services Department of the City of Newton.
  - d. Events at large recreational and amusement facilities/parks, sports arenas, fields, and complexes where a street closure or traffic management plan is necessitated, and/or events at said facilities with an incident action and emergency operations plan for the individual event approved by the City of Newton Public Safety Departments.
2. **APPLICATION DEADLINES: It is recommended applicants submit their application a minimum of ninety (90) days in advance of any requested special event to ensure adequate time for review and to clarify any questions which may result in denial.**
  3. **Events with an entry fee:** Special events that charge a fee for entry must be reviewed and/or approved by City Council, not City staff. Event organizers who wish to hold a special event that requires an entry fee should complete the Special Events Application and provide a written explanation as to why they are charging a fee, which explains how their events will build up the community and showcase Newton to visitors. That written explanation should be directed to the City Council, who may approve or deny such a request. The application and the written explanation should be provided to the Fire Chief **at least ninety (90) days in advance of the planned event** so that a resolution may be placed on an upcoming City Council Agenda. No special event that requires a fee for entry shall proceed without approval of the City Council.
  4. **Events without an entry fee:** Applications for special events without entry fees shall be submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the date requested for the special event. Special events that are submitted less than sixty (60) days prior to the date requested must be reviewed and/or approved by City Council, not City staff. A completed Special Events Application should be provided to the Fire Chief in order to place a resolution on an upcoming City Council Agenda. No special event having an application submitted less than sixty (60) days prior to the date requested for the special event shall proceed without approval of the City Council. **Applications submitted less than thirty (30) business days prior to the event may not be considered.**
  5. A detailed map of the event must be provided to accurately depict impacts to city streets and all parking restrictions. All closures and traffic control devices must be shown on the map. A responsible party and an alternate must be identified to provide city staff a contact in case issues arise. Maps may be available for parks, downtown and other various locations. Please call City Administration for more information. (Using internet mapping is recommended i.e. Google maps)

The following must be identified and labeled including the event site (labeled with street names):

Alcohol serving/consuming area	<b>A</b>	Restroom Facilities (including portable)	<b>R</b>
Barricades	<b>B</b>	Routes for races, parades, etc.	<b>→</b>
Canopies	<b>C</b>	Severe Weather Location	<b>SW</b>
Fencing	<b>—</b>	Stages	<b>S</b>
First Aid Facilities	<b>F</b>	Tents	<b>T</b>
Off duty Police Officers	<b>P</b>		

6. Generally, no high priority routes or truck routes will be approved for closure. For closure of a truck route, applicant is responsible to provide an adequate detour and for all signage and control of truck traffic. A current map of streets considered to be primary access routes and truck routes are available on the City website at [www.newtongov.org](http://www.newtongov.org)
7. Each street closing shall not result in dead end blocks. Cross intersections that are closed will result in closing of adjacent blocks in both directions.
8. Closing of a street for a special event should be done at times and in such a manner as to minimize any adverse impact upon any of the street's residents.

9. **Communication Plan:** An email shall be sent to the affected tenants/property owners two weeks prior to the event. An email list can be requested from the Fire Department developed from the Commercial Business Property Inspection program. At a minimum, the email will be required to contain the name and key contacts for the event organizer and the dates and times of parking limitations and street closures. The email list shall include the Fire Department at [danag@newtongov.org](mailto:danag@newtongov.org)
10. Keep all fire hydrants clear, undecorated, and unobstructed.
11. Restrooms are required for all events and must be accessible to all attendees. ADA standards require that at least one or 5% of restroom facilities be handicapped accessible.
12. A severe weather contingency plan must be submitted with designated contacts should dangerous weather approach.
13. The applicant shall exclusively assume the risk of all uses authorized by permit including the establishment of barricades, restoration of streets or property used, policing of said property, injuries, medical insurance and all matters that may arise directly or indirectly with reference to the aforesaid uses and shall hold the City harmless from any claims, causes of action commenced or alleged by reason of any of the activities of the applicant or permit holder as the case may be.
14. **Traffic Control/Barricades:** If your event includes street closures, you **MUST** have a detailed map including the location of all traffic control devices and barricades. The City of Newton requires that all street closures for special events provide street closing signage through an approved traffic control contractor unless given expressed permission from the City. Any organization not using a traffic control contractor will be the responsible party and liable for any and all action that arises due to errors and omissions for providing traffic control signage. In addition, they agree to sign a hold harmless agreement with the City. Barricades shall meet the standards of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Vehicles, lawn furniture, saw horses, barbeques, trash cans or similar items cannot be used as barricades. Barricades must allow access for emergency police, fire and ambulance vehicles and equipment. Fire Department vehicles need an eighteen-foot wide, unobstructed path in the center of the street, the entire length of the party. Designee names and contact information is required on the application. The first designee listed should be the traffic control contractor and contact. The second designee listed will be a member of the applicant organization and contact. They are to be available to answer if the need arises.
15. **Parking:** You are required to provide adequate parking for your event. Applicant is required to provide an event parking plan and map with the application. Please contact Public Works or Community Services if you need to make arrangements for off-site parking. **VEHICLE LOADING/UNLOADING:** Please ensure that all vehicle loading and unloading areas are indicated on the Parking Plan. **VEHICLES ON PARK GROUNDS:** Vehicles, including catering vehicles, are **NOT** allowed to drive or park on the turf of public park grounds. If the special event needs to have vehicles on park grounds outside of roads and designated parking areas, special access requests are required.
16. **Parks & Pavilions:** Must be reserved by contacting the Community Services Department. The applicant will be required to comply with all rules and regulations set in place by the Community Services Department. Limited water and electrical power are available at some public parks. (A nominal fee is charged for electricity and will be payable upon approval of the permit). Additional generator power or water supply is the responsibility of the applicant.
17. **Sound Systems/Noise Control:** Any music or noise shall be kept to an acceptable level in accordance with Chapter 93 "Noise Control" or Code of Ordinances. A noise control permit application must be approved by the Police Chief. Permits granted under this application allow for a provision up to an additional **5dB(A)** & (C) of the ordinance. A violation of any provision of the noise control ordinance, disorderly conduct or disturbing the public quiet may be enforced as a municipal infraction or simple misdemeanor with civil or criminal penalties being applicable. Founded violations may be considered a breach of the special event agreement and may result in the termination of the special event.
18. **Fireworks:** Any display fireworks must be approved through the Fire Department. The use of consumer fireworks is not allowed on the public right of way per Iowa Code and is **only allowed on private property** during prescribed times approved by City Council as defined in Chapter 135 "Fireworks" of the Code of Ordinances. A violation of any provision of Chapter 135 "Fireworks" may be enforced as a municipal infraction or simple misdemeanor with civil or criminal penalties being applicable. Founded violations may be considered a breach of the special event agreement and may result in the termination of the special event.
19. **Tents/Stakes/Stages:** Keep large displays, tents, and amusements/rides confined to the parking lanes of the street or place them off the street in driveways. The use of large tents may require a separate permit. Fire Department vehicles need an eighteen-foot wide, unobstructed path in the center of the street, the entire length of the party. **Tents:** Use of tents requires a permit from the Fire Department at least thirty (30) days prior to the event. Tents are defined as temporary structures in excess of 200 square feet and having two or more sidewalls or drops. **Stakes:** Under no conditions will stakes be driven into pavement. Approval of staking plan must be attained prior to placement. Please

contact Iowa One Call regarding underground utility locating questions. **Stages:** Please contact Public Works for staging/staking requests a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to any event for an on-site meeting. Tent ropes and guy lines shall not be tied or anchored to trees, monuments, bridge railings, light poles, or fences.

20. **Alcohol:** All beer and liquor shall be consumed on private property and shall not be consumed in the public right of way. If a specific public right of way has been approved for beer and/or liquor consumption, then it shall temporarily not be recognized as a public right of way and is exempt from this restriction. Beer or liquor cannot be sold or dispensed by ticket, by paid admission or by contribution unless a permit has been issued by the Iowa Alcohol Beverage Division and City of Newton. To sell alcohol at the event, or to add outdoor service area, applicant will need to obtain a permit at [www.iowaABD.com](http://www.iowaABD.com). Applicants must allow 45 days minimum for approval. A link is available on the City of Newton website. From the home page, click on "I want to" – "Apply for" – "Liquor Licenses, Beer & Wine Permits". Sale of alcohol in Newton City Parks is prohibited.
21. **Food/Beverage Vendors:** Food and beverage vendors shall be approved by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. Information regarding a permit for food safety can be obtained at <https://dia.iowa.gov/food-consumer-safety/food-safety-license-applications>. Applicants are required to list the types of food and beverages to be served at the event. All food and beverage serving locations must be shown on the event map.
22. The applicant, at their own expense, shall procure and maintain insurance to cover all risk which shall arise directly or indirectly from the Special Event for which the City provides a permit. At a minimum, insurance is required and the requirement level will be determined based on the number of participants and attendees, nature of the event's activities, and type of City property or other resources involved. The City of Newton must be named as an additional insured.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Section 1 – Insurance Requirements**

PERMITEE, at their own expense, shall procure and maintain insurance to cover all risk which shall arise directly or indirectly from the Special Event for which the City provides a permit. At a minimum, the following insurance is required and the requirement level will be determined based on the number of participants and attendees, nature of the event's activities, and type of City property or other resources involved:

#### **General Liability Insurance - Occurrence Form:**

**a. Low/Medium Risk Event – min. liability limit \$1,000,000 per occur. / \$2,000,000 agg.**

1. Events with little or no impact on the public
2. Fund raising walks and/or runs without street closures

**b. High Risk Event - minimum liability \$1,000,000 per occur. / \$2,000,000 agg.  
(Additional insured and governmental immunities endorsement is required.\*)**

1. Fireworks displays
2. Parades
3. Events requiring street closures
4. Events that expect large crowds on public property
5. Large event taking place for more than one day
6. Large events that include alcohol on public property

### **Section 2 – Endorsements, When Required, Must Read:**

**1. Additional Insurance Endorsement:**

Except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability, the policies shall include the City Additional Endorsement of: The City of Newton, Iowa, including all its elected and appointed officials, all its employees and volunteers, all its boards, commissions, and/or authorities and their board members, employees, and volunteers, are included as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the Insured's work and/or Services performed for the City of Newton, Iowa. This coverage shall be primary to the additional insureds, and not contributing with any other insurance of similar protection available to the additional insureds, whether available coverage be primary, contributing or excess.

**2. Governmental Immunities Endorsement:**

- A. Non-waiver of Government Immunity: The insurance carrier expressly agrees and states that the purchase of this policy and the including of the City of Newton, Iowa, as an Additional Insured does not

waive any of the defenses of governmental immunity available to the City of Newton, Iowa, under Code of Iowa Section 670.4 as it now exists and as it may be amended in the future.

- B. Claims Coverage: The insurance carrier further agrees that this policy of insurance shall cover only those claims not subject to the defense of governmental immunity under the Code of Iowa Section 670.4 as it now exists and as it may be amended in the future.
- C. Assertion of Government Immunity: The City of Newton, Iowa, shall be responsible for asserting any defense of governmental immunity, and may do so at any time and shall do so upon the timely written request of the insurance carrier. Nothing contained in this endorsement shall prevent the carrier from asserting the defense of governmental immunity on behalf of the City of Newton, Iowa.
- D. Non-Denial of Coverage: The insurance carrier shall not deny coverage under this policy and the insurance carrier shall not deny any of the rights and benefits accruing to the City of Newton, Iowa, under this policy for reasons of governmental immunity unless and until a court of competent jurisdiction has ruled in favor of the defense(s) of governmental immunity asserted by the City of Newton, Iowa.
- E. No Other Change in Policy: The insurance carrier and the City of Newton, Iowa, agree that the above preservation of governmental immunities shall not otherwise change or alter the coverage available under the policy.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

A Certificate of Insurance is required evidencing all required insurance coverage as provided above with any required endorsements attached to evidence their inclusion in the coverage. The Certificate of Insurance are due before the Permit can be approved.

The following format is required: (include an example copy in the application)

1. Document must be dated less than ninety (90) days from the submittal date to the City
2. Producer Contact information must include name, phone number and/or e-mail address
3. Policy Expiration date must cover all event dates
4. Description of Operations must list Event Date and Event Name
5. Certificate Holder must be listed as follows:

**City of Newton  
Special Events  
101 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street S  
Newton, IA 50208**

\* Endorsements, as required, shall be included with the Certificate of Insurance as evidence that the policy has been endorsed.