

***VENTNOR CITY, N.J.***

***Application for  
Block Party/Event Street Closure***

Citizens may petition for a temporary street closing for community functions such as block parties or neighborhood festivals. The City of Ventnor welcomes such activities and is prepared to assist you in having a successful event.

- 1) Please complete the Permit Application and Resident Agreement form and submit them to the City of Ventnor at:

City of Ventnor  
6201 Atlantic Avenue – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Ventnor, NJ 08406  
Attn: Office of Special Events

- 2) Plan your activity in advance. Street closings require a completed petition at least 21 days prior to your event.
- 3) Complete the petition form by acquiring signatures approving the closure, from 60% of the residents on the affected portion of the street being closed and return it to the City.
- 4) A representative from the City of Ventnor will contact you when your permit is approved, and will guide you as to where to close your street and what equipment to use.

***We hope your event is a big success,  
Remember to plan early!***

# Block Party / Street Closing Regulations

Requirements for approval of Street closings petition and conditions, which apply upon acceptance of petition:

The City of Ventnor has the authority to approve petitions for street closures, if in their judgment, the street closing will not adversely affect vehicular traffic and will not endanger public safety. The following requirements and conditions must be complied with in the filing of a petition.

*Failure to comply with the following conditions could result in the revocation of permission to close your street.*

Necessary signature for a petition:

- A petition must be approved by 60% of the residents of the street or the portion of the street to be closed. The City of Ventnor may designate the portions of street to be closed, or left open, and may designate the area from which a petition must be secured. All residents must sign the petition in order to receive approval of the application.

Designation of petitioners contact:

- The person designated on the petition as the petitioners contact shall be the sole person to whom the City of Ventnor shall be responsible for any of its communication. Such person shall be the contact for all those who sign the petition.

Submittal:

- The petition must be filed with the City of Ventnor at least twenty one (21) days before the requested closing date. All correspondence with the City of Ventnor regarding a street closing shall be addressed to:

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Review of location:

- The City of Ventnor will review the location of the closing and consider the safe movement of all public safety concerns. Block party permits will not be issued on any major through street, as determined by the city traffic engineer and the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

Barricades and additional equipment and personnel:

- The petition signers must use barricades provided by the City of Ventnor Public Works at each end of the street (or block) being closed. The petition signers will be responsible for receiving, placing, and removing the barricades.
- The City of Ventnor assumes no liability for the placing or the selection of barricades. The placement of the barricades will be at the discretion of the City of Ventnor Public Works Superintendent.

Street Access:

- Local access is to be maintained to all properties on the street during the hours of the street closing.
- Emergency vehicles must have access to the street(s) at all times.
- Objects of any kind shall not be placed in the street which would otherwise block access to emergency vehicles.

Block Party Time of Operation

- Block parties are only to be conducted between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Cleaning of debris:

- Prior to the scheduled reopening of a street, the street shall be cleared of all debris to the satisfaction of the authorized representative of the City of Ventnor. If there has been a failure to clear all debris from the right-of-way and an authorized representative of the City of Ventnor concludes that there is a danger to the passage of vehicular traffic, then the Director of Public Works is authorized to notify the appropriate city department to clear the right-of-way of debris. The signers of the petition waive any notice requirements and any other procedural requirements and remain personally liable for the expense of cleaning up the debris from the street. The waiver is premised upon the necessity to reopen the street expeditiously and to reopen it without the debris endangering vehicular traffic. The signers of the petition, individually and collectively remain liable in a civil debt action for the expense of cleaning the debris from the street.

Ventnor City property and equipment:

- All property and equipment belonging to the City of Ventnor and located within and around the closed street is to be treated by the signers of the petition and its invitees with reasonable and due care.
- The signers of the petition assume, individually and collectively, complete and absolute liability for any loss and damage to City property and equipment which may result from any misuse or mistreatment of the property or equipment during the street closing.

Revocation of permission to close street:

The City of Ventnor reserves the right to revoke permission to close a street without cause by informing the petitioners street closing agent no less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the street closing. If an emergency arises which necessitates that the streets remain open, the twenty-four (24) hour notice requirement will not apply. A failure to comply with any requirement or condition in this document shall be a basis to withdraw permission to close a street.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless:

Applicant agrees to Indemnify and hold the City of Ventnor and its employees, officers, and agents harmless from any and all claims or alleged claims for damage and or injury arising from the "blocking off" of the street by the Applicant.

TO BE READ BEFORE SIGNING PETITION: As the contact person for the block party, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules as listed. I further attest that I will attempt to relay these same rules to the other people who attend the block party. If I have any problems or questions I will contact the City of Ventnor, Office of the Municipal Administrator for clarification and/or resolution.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Ventnor City Ordinances Regarding Block Parties

## Ventnor City Code: - Chapter # 156 - Noise

### Ord. # 156-4 Prohibitions (Selected Sections)

- A. No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit to be made a verbally or mechanically, directly or indirectly any noise which disturbs, injures or endangers the health, comfort, safety or welfare of others.

### Ord.# 156-8 Violations and Penalties

- A. Any Person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty for each offense not more than \$ 500.00.
- B. Any person who willfully or knowingly violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty for each offense of a sum of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$ 500.00.

## Ventnor City Code - Chapter # 171- Peace and Good Order

### Acts Constituting Disorderly Conduct:

### Ord. # 171-6 Prohibitions. (Selected sections)

- A. No person shall vagrantly loiter, lounge or sleep in or on the streets, sidewalks, boardwalk, public pavilions, public parks, beaches or other public places in the city of Ventnor City or obstruct the passage of persons on the boardwalk or any other sidewalks, streets or public places with boxes, crates, baskets, stands, wares, merchandise or with a rolling chair or chairs or any vehicle after being ordered by a police officer or special officer to move on or disperse or leave any such public places or remove such obstruction.
- B. No person while in an intoxicated condition shall be upon the streets, sidewalks, boardwalk, public pavilions, public parks, beaches or other public places in Ventnor City, New Jersey. Further, no person shall consume any kind of alcoholic beverage in any public place or quasi-public area of said city, nor in any motor vehicle, whether parked or moving; nor shall any person have in his or her possession an open container of any kind in any public place or quasi-public area of said city, nor in any motor vehicle, whether parked or moving, in which alcoholic beverages of any kind are contained.
- D. No person shall revel, quarrel, brawl or otherwise misbehave in a disorderly manner to the disturbance or annoyance of the peaceable inhabitants of the city nor be guilty of any other disorderly conduct in or on the streets, sidewalks, boardwalk, public pavilions, public parks, beaches or other public places.

Ord.# 171-9 Violations and Penalties

Any person violating any provision of this article, upon conviction thereof before the Judge of the Municipal Court or other office having jurisdiction thereof, shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$ 1,000.00 or to imprisonment in the city or county jail for a period of not more than 90 days, or both.

New Jersey Uniform Fire Code 5:7.0-2.16 (b) (2) Imminent Hazard (selected sections)

(b). The following violations by their nature, constitute imminent hazards to the health, safety, or welfare of the occupants or intended occupants of a building, structure or premises, of firefighters or the general public;

(2) Locking or blocking of any means of egress

Penalties - A maximum of \$ 5,000.00 per occurrence.

# PERMIT APPLICATION

Event Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm to: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm  
(Between 9:00 a.m. and 10 p.m.)

Details of Event:

1: Location of Street / Sidewalk Blockage / Closure: \_\_\_\_\_

2: Estimated Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

3: Name of Applicants: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be over 21 years of age)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

4: Contact Person on Day of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

5: City to provide barricades to close street: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Applicant agrees to reimburse the City of Ventnor for any damage to signs or barricades owned and/or rented by the City of Ventnor for use by the applicant as a result of this application.**

I acknowledge that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge:

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





