

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Title 31: PUBLIC SAFETY

PART 10: REGULATIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF STATE LAWS BY CAPITOL POLICE

Part 10, Chapter 1: Permitting Certain Activities

Rule 1.1 Near Any Building and Property Owned or Occupied by the State of Mississippi

1. Purpose

- a. Written approval from the Chief of Capitol Police or the Commissioner is required before any event occurs which will, or could reasonably be expected to, block, impede or otherwise hinder ingress to and/or egress from any building or property owned or occupied by any official, agency, board, commission, office or other entity of the State of Mississippi.
- b. The provisions contained in this article are required for public health, safety, good order, and general welfare.

2. Written Approval Required

- a. Any person or entity desiring to conduct or sponsor a parade, athletic event, block party, festival or other special event which will, or could reasonably be expected to, block, impede or otherwise hinder ingress to and/or egress from any building or property owned or occupied by any official, agency, board, commission, office or other entity of the State of Mississippi, shall first obtain written approval from the Chief of Capitol Police or the Commissioner. Any event where 25 or more people are gathered near the ingress to and/or egress from any building or property described herein can reasonably be expected to block, impede, or otherwise hinder such ingress and/or egress. Any activity or event which the applicant intends to advertise in advance via radio, television and/or widely distributed print or social media shall be deemed to be an activity or event of 25 or more persons. The request for approval must be submitted not less than 30 days, nor more than 365 days, before the event date.
- b. State Owned/Occupied Properties to which these regulations are applicable include the following, as well as any other properties which are clearly marked as housing state offices:
 - i. Capitol Police Headquarters, 350 High Street, Jackson Mississippi
 - ii. Woolfolk Building, Woolfolk Annex, and Woolfolk Garage - 501 N. West St., Jackson MS
 - iii. GM&O Depot - 618 E. Pearl St., Jackson MS

- iv. Naval Reserve Center and State Records Center - 181 S. Jefferson St., Jackson MS
- v. Old Trailways Building - 201 S. Jefferson St., Jackson MS
- vi. Charlotte Capers Building – 100 S. State St., Jackson MS
- vii. Old Capitol Museum – 100 N. State St., Jackson MS
- viii. War Memorial Building – 120 N. State St., Jackson MS
- ix. William Winter MDA&H Building – 200 North St., Jackson MS
- x. MS Civil Rights Museum / MS History Museum and 2MM Garage – 222 North St., Jackson MS
- xi. Robert E. Lee Building and Garage – 239 N. Lamar St., Jackson MS
- xii. Central High Building – 259 N. West St., Jackson MS
- xiii. Governor’s Mansion – 300 E. Capitol St., Jackson MS
- xiv. Robert Clark Building – 301 N. Lamar St., Jackson MS
- xv. Sun-N-Sand Conference Center – 401 N. Lamar St., Jackson MS
- xvi. Barefield Building – 455 N. Lamar St., Jackson MS
- xvii. Heber Ladner Building – 401 Mississippi St., Jackson MS
- xviii. State Capitol Building – 400 High St., Jackson MS
- xix. Walter Sillers Building and Garage – 550 High St., Jackson MS
- xx. Carroll Gartin Justice Building and Garage – 450 High St., Jackson MS
- xxi. Patrick Nunnelee Building – 515 E. Amite St., Jackson MS
- xxii. Capitol Police Station and Woolfolk North Parking Lot – 601 N. West St., Jackson MS
- xxiii. 620 Building – 620 North St., Jackson MS
- xxiv. 660 Building – 660 North St., Jackson MS
- xxv. 700 Building – 700 N. State St., Jackson MS
- xxvi. Warehouses #1, #2, #3 (Old Wildlife Building) – 725 E. Pearl St., Jackson MS
- xxvii. Federation of Women’s Clubs Building – 2407 N. State St., Jackson MS
- xxviii. MS Workers’ Compensation Building – 1428 Lakeland Dr., Jackson MS
- xxix. Land Leases, Jefferson & High St., Jackson, MS
- xxx. Child Protective Services/MDHS, 750 North State St., Jackson, MS
- xxxi. MS Division of Medicaid, 5360 I-55 North, Jackson, MS
- xxxii. MS State Board of Dental Examiners, 600 East Amite St., Suite 100, Jackson, MS
- xxxiii. MS Department of Education, 500 Greymont Ave, Jackson, MS
- xxxiv. MS Soil and Water Conservation Commission, 680 Monroe St., Suite B., Jackson, MS
- xxxv. Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission, 1755 Lelia Dr., Suite 200, Jackson, MS
- xxxvi. Mississippi State Personnel Board, 210 E. Capitol St., Jackson, MS
- xxxvii. Mississippi Real Estate Commission, 4780 I-55 North, Jackson, MS
- xxxviii. MS Department of Human Services, 200 South Lamar St., Jackson, MS
- xxxix. MS State Board of Contractors, 2679 Crane Ride Dr., Suite B & C,

- Jackson, MS
 - xl. Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy, 840 East River Place, Jackson, MS
 - xli. Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, 4780 I-55 North, Jackson, MS
 - xlii. Oil and Gas Board, 500 Greymont Ave., Suite E, Jackson, MS
 - xliii. MS Secretary of State, 316 North Congress St., Jackson, MS
 - xliv. Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed and Professional Counselors, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave., Suite 761, Jackson, MS
 - xlv. Mississippi Department of Employment Security, 4400 Old Canton Rd, Jackson, MS
 - xlvi. State Department of Health, 1102 Chastain Dr., Jackson, MS
 - xlvii. Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, 1755 Lelia Dr., Jackson, MS
 - xlviii. Mississippi Secretary of State, 125 South Congress, Jackson, MS
 - xlix. Division of Geology, 777 Harris St., Jackson, MS
 - l. Department of Environmental Quality, 605 West Fortification St., Jackson, MS
 - li. Department of Public Safety, 210 West Capitol St., Jackson, MS
 - lii. State Board of Barber Examiners, 510 George St., Suite 400, Jackson, MS
 - liii. Land Leases, Lefleur's Bluff State Park, Jackson, MS
 - liv. Department of Finance and Administration, Sports Hall of Fame, Jackson, MS
 - lv. State Department of Health Building, 1438 Lefleur's Square, Jackson, MS
 - lvi. Mississippi Secretary of State, 125 S. Congress St., Jackson, MS
 - lvii. State Department of Health, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson, Jackson, MS
 - lviii. Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Lefleur's State Park
 - lix. Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, 1867 Crane Ridge Dr., Suite 200B, Jackson, MS
 - lx. Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy, 5 Old River Place, Suite 104, Jackson, MS
- c. For purposes of this rule, ingress to and/or egress from a building or property could reasonably be expected to be blocked, impeded or otherwise hindered if any part of an event is anticipated to take place immediately adjacent to a street, sidewalk or other entrance/exit to/from said property.
- d. Upon a showing of good cause, the Chief of Capitol Police or the Commissioner shall consider a written request for approval that is filed after the filing deadline, provided there is sufficient time to process and investigate the request and to obtain police services for the event, if necessary. Good cause can be demonstrated by the requestor showing that the circumstances giving rise to the request did not reasonably allow for submission within the time prescribed, and that the event is for the primary purpose of exercising the right of free speech.

3. Information to be included in a Written Request:

- a. All events.
 - i. Name, address and telephone number of the requestor and an alternate contact person;
 - ii. If the event is proposed to be sponsored by an organization, the name address and telephone number of that organization, and the authorized head of the organization;
 - iii. Name, address and telephone number of the person who will be present and in charge of the event on the day of the event;
 - iv. Type of event, e.g. parade, block party, festival, etc.;
 - v. Date and estimated starting and ending time of the event;
 - vi. Location of the event, including its boundaries;
 - vii. Estimated number of participants and spectators at the event;
 - viii. Type and estimated number of vehicles, animals, and structures that will be used at the event;
 - ix. Description of any sound amplification equipment that will be used at the event;
 - x. Whether any food or beverages, including alcoholic beverages, or merchandise will be sold at the event;
 - xi. Whether monitors or private security will be employed at the event;
 - xii. Parking requirements and arrangements for the event;
 - xiii. Whether any banners will be utilized to promote the event, and desired locations of these banners; and
 - xiv. Whether there will be water, toilets and first aid provided to the participants, and the locations of any such water, toilets and first aid.

- b. Additional information required for parades, races and other events occurring along a route.
 - i. The route to be traveled;
 - ii. The assembly point for the event, the time at which units of the parade or other event will begin to assemble;
 - iii. Whether the parade or other event will occupy all or only a portion of the streets proposed to be traversed;
 - iv. The intervals of space to be maintained between units of a parade or other event;
 - v. The number, types and size of floats;
 - vi. Material and maximum size of any signs or banners to be carried along the route; and
 - vii. Any rules or regulations developed by the organizers that apply to the event.

- c. Supplemental information. The application may include any supplemental

information which the coordinator finds reasonably necessary, under the particular circumstances of the special event application, to determine whether to approve, or conditionally approve a special event permit.

4. Approval or Denial of Written Request

- a. The Chief of Capitol Police or the Commissioner may approve, conditionally approve, or deny a request. Such action shall be taken no later than ten days after receiving a valid request for approval for an event along a pre-established route. Action on all other special event applications shall be taken no later than four workdays after receiving a valid request for approval, unless the requestor is required to provide additional or supplemental information, in which case the action may be delayed until such time as that information is received by the Chief of Capitol Police or the Commissioner.
- b. The denial of a written request may be based on any one or more of the following conditions:
 - i. Information contained in the request, or supplemental information requested, is found to be false in any material detail;
 - ii. Another request has been received prior in time, or has already been approved, to hold another event at the same time and place requested by the applicant; or so close in time and place as to cause undue traffic congestion or other logistical problems;
 - iii. Another request has been received prior in time or has already been approved such that the law enforcement agencies are unable to meet the needs for police services for both events;
 - iv. The time, intended route, or size of the event will interrupt or impede upon the safe and orderly movement of traffic or create a danger to public safety that cannot be managed with available public safety resources;
 - v. The concentration of persons, animals and vehicles at the site of the event, or the assembly and disbanding areas around an event, will prevent delivery of proper police, fire, or ambulance services to areas contiguous to the event;
 - vi. The size of the event will require diversion of so great a number of Capitol Police officers to ensure that all participants stay within the boundaries or route of the event, or to protect participants in the event, as to prevent normal protection to the remainder of the Capitol City Complex.
- c. The applicant will be notified in writing as to whether the application is approved, conditionally approved or denied. The written decision will provide the reason(s) for any conditional approval or denial. If conditional approval is granted, all conditions which must be met by the applicant will be specifically set forth in the written decision.

5. Obstruction of access to public buildings

- a. It is unlawful for any person, singly or in concert with others, to engage in picketing or mass demonstrations in such a manner as to obstruct or unreasonably interfere with free ingress or egress to and from building or property owned or occupied by the State of Mississippi or any official, agency, board, commission, office or other entity thereof.
- b. Enforcement
 - i. It is the duty of Capitol Police to enforce the above provisions.
 - ii. Nothing in this article shall prevent Capitol Police officers from obtaining voluntary compliance by way of warning, notice or education.

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