

WHAT IS A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND WHAT IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL EVENT?

Special Event Permits are issued to individuals or organizations planning to hold special events within the Cullman city limits. A special event is an event involving: The closing and/or use of public roads, sidewalks, parks & recreational facilities, or other public property within the Cullman city limits or that involve amplified speaking/music or other types of excessive noise within the Cullman city limits, whether on public or private property. Other events may also fall under the category of "special event." If you are unsure whether your event qualifies as a "special event," contact the City Clerk's Office (see page 6).

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

1. Completed, signed applications should be submitted to the City Clerk's office at least thirty (30) days prior to the event.
2. Your application will be reviewed by the City Clerk's office to verify that the application is valid and complete.
3. Your application will then undergo initial review by the Police Department, Fire/Rescue Department, CPRST, and Mayor.
4. Your application will then be added to an upcoming City Council meeting agenda. (Contact the City Clerk's office for the date and time of the City Council meeting at which your application will be considered – see page 6 for contact info.)
5. Once your application is approved by the City Council, the Special Event Permit will be issued by the Mayor.

RULES & REGULATIONS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS



Applicant shall provide to the City detailed plans as required per City Ordinance to allow the City to evaluate and assure that the proposed event will not pose an unreasonable danger to public health and safety and will not excessively burden municipal resources without adequate planning so as to create such a danger. A site map for the event illustrating the location of any tents, stages, viewing platforms, port-a-lets, parking, waste receptacles, etc., shall also be provided.

- Use of city parks & recreational facilities MUST be authorized by CPRST (see page 6) prior to submitting this application.
- Events involving the sale and/or consumption of alcohol beverages require additional permits and/or licenses. You MUST contact CPRST (256-734-9157) prior to submitting this application.
- If you use property belonging to a third party, written authorization from property owner/manager is required (see page 8).
- If streets are closed for the event, you MUST attach written consent from all affected property owners/managers (see page 7) and ensure that adequate ingress & egress paths for fire, medical, & police emergency response is maintained.
- If your event is a race, run, or walk, you MUST contact the City Clerk's Office for the preferred route (see page 6).
- Events involving the use of vendors require additional permits and/or licenses from the City Clerk's Office (see page 6).
- If food trucks are used, food truck vendors MUST have a current inspection on file with the Fire Marshal (see page 6).
- Events involving loud noise or amplified music MUST conclude at 10PM, unless another time is approved by the City Council.
- Events involving pyrotechnics must be submitted 30 days prior to the event and you MUST contact the Fire Marshal for additional city and state requirements (see page 6).
- If assistance is needed from a city department, you MUST contact the department to coordinate said assistance (see page 6).
- You must contact local public safety officials and follow all local and state rules, regulations, ordinances, and adopted codes.
- You are responsible for costs incurred for city assistance (police/fire/EMT services, barricades, etc.), unless otherwise noted.

RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE CITY OF CULLMAN

The City of Cullman reserves the right to:

- Approve any event subject to requirements and ordinances of the City of Cullman concerning public safety.
- Intervene if the application and/or planning of the event presents potential and significant traffic issues, public safety issues and/or excessive noise complaints, or any other issues/disturbances which have a high likelihood to occur based on the totality of the circumstances surrounding the event, or which do occur, and take appropriate measures to resolve these issues up to and including the revocation of any Special Event Permit issued.
- Revoke the Special Event Permit should the event organizer (or agents thereof) fail to abide by any of the special event rules, regulations, or agreements.
- Suspend or revoke any Special Event Permit should circumstances beyond either party's control change significantly enough to warrant said suspension or revocation.



SPECIAL EVENTS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED UNTIL: (1) THE CITY COUNCIL GRANTS APPROVAL; (2) THE EVENT ORGANIZER OBTAINS/SUBMITS ALL REQUIRED PERMITS/LICENSES/AUTHORIZATIONS; (3) EVENT ORGANIZER PAYS ALL REQUIRED FEES/COSTS; (4) THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT IS SIGNED BY THE EVENT ORGANIZER AND THE MAYOR.

Event organizer is responsible for coordinating and paying costs associated with any assistance needed from city departments upon event approval.


EVENT LOCATION & ADDRESS (attach map or diagram): _____


Cullman County Public Library 200 Clark St NE Cullman, AL 35055

1. **IS THIS A 501(c)(3) CHARITY EVENT?** YES NO


If YES: _____ Entity Name _____ 501(c)(3) Number _____

2. **ARE YOU REQUESTING THE CLOSING OF PUBLIC STREETS OR SIDEWALKS?** YES NO

 If event involves closing streets or sidewalks, you **MUST** have written approval of all property owners/managers or residents affected by the closing. Page 7 is provided for this purpose, if needed.

 You **MUST** ensure that adequate ingress and egress paths for fire, medical, and police emergency response is maintained at all times; coordinate closely with local public safety officials; and follow all rules, regulations, ordinances, and adopted codes of the City of Cullman and the State of Alabama.


If YES, list streets/sidewalks to be closed (attach map or diagram). _____

Clark St. NE from 2nd Ave. to 3rd Ave. Only the street located between the library building and city hall side parking lot. 

3. **WILL YOU REQUIRE THE USE OF CITY-OWNED BARRICADES OR BOLLARDS?** YES NO

Event organizer responsible for arranging use of city barricades or bollards and paying applicable costs (see page 6).

4. **WILL YOUR EVENT INCLUDE AMPLIFIED MUSIC/SPEAKING OR OTHER EXCESSIVE NOISE?** YES NO

 Events involving amplified music, speaking, or other excessive noise as defined by the City's noise ordinance **shall conclude by 10PM**, unless otherwise noted. Complaints will be investigated by the Cullman Police Department.

If YES, describe: We will have lots of children, yard games, and some live animals provided by Tally Ho farms.

5. **WILL ALCOHOL BE SERVED DURING THIS EVENT?** YES NO

 If YES, you **MUST CONTACT CPRST (256-734-9157) BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION!** Also, any event involving alcohol require a **minimum of two (2) police officers** on site at the expense of the event organizer.

 **Have you contacted CPRST concerning serving alcohol at your event?** YES NO

6. **WILL YOUR EVENT INCLUDE FOOD OR DRINK VENDORS?** YES NO

Event organizer shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits, licenses, and permissions. (See page 6.)

7. **WILL ANY VENDORS BE USING FOOD TRUCKS AT THE EVENT?** N/A YES NO

Food truck vendors are required to have a current inspection on file with the Fire Marshal's office (See page 6.)

8. **WILL YOUR EVENT INCLUDE VENDORS OF CRAFTS OR OTHER ITEMS?** YES NO


Event organizer shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits, licenses, and permissions. (See page 6.)

9. **WILL YOUR EVENT INVOLVE PYROTECHNICS (fireworks, etc.)?** YES NO

Per City Ordinance, this application must be submitted to the City Council for approval 30 days prior to the date of the event and the event planner is required to contact the Fire Marshal's office regarding additional city and state requirements. (See page 6.)

10. **ARE YOU REQUESTING POLICE SERVICES OR ARE POLICE SERVICES REQUIRED?** YES NO


If YES, how many are you requesting? _____

 Minimum of 2 officers required at events involving alcohol, at organizers expense. Chief has final discretion on services & number of officers. ***In the interest of health, safety & welfare of citizens & attendees, rates for large ticketed events with an estimated 20,000+ attendees per day per site = \$55 (non-alcohol) & \$60 (alcohol) during event only, accounting for reasonable time prior to & after event.**

OFF DUTY POLICE RATES PER HOUR	
\$45.00*	NORMAL RATE
\$50.00*	RATE IF ALCOHOL SERVED
- MINIMUM 4 HOURS -	

11. **ARE YOU REQUESTING FIRE, EMT AND/OR TELECOMMUNICATOR SERVICES?** YES NO

If YES, how many are you requesting? _____

 Fire/EMT/Telecommunicator personnel provided at organizer's expense. Chief has final discretion on what services & personnel are required. **AMBULANCE TRANSPORT NOT INCLUDED.** *In the interest of the health, safety & welfare of citizens & attendees, rates for large ticketed events with an estimated 20,000+ attendees per day per site = \$55 (non-alcohol) & \$60 (alcohol) during event only, accounting for reasonable time prior to & after event.

OFF DUTY FIRE/EMT/TC RATES/HR	
\$45.00*	NORMAL RATE
\$50.00*	RATE IF ALCOHOL SERVED
- MINIMUM 4 HOURS -	

12. **WILL YOUR EVENT INVOLVE THE USE OF PORTABLE TOILETS?** YES NO

Event organizer shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits, licenses, and permissions. (See page 6.)

13. **ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, INFORMATION, OR REQUESTS?** YES NO

Event organizer is responsible for coordinating and paying costs associated with any assistance needed from city departments upon event approval.

If YES, please use this space:

EVENT ORGANIZER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & SIGNATURE

BY SIGNING BELOW, I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

1. I have read and completely understand the procedure for requesting a Special Event Permit, the rules and regulations regarding special events, and the rights reserved by the City of Cullman.
2. I understand and agree to abide by the afore-mentioned procedures, rules, and regulations as well as all other local, state, or federal rules, regulations, and laws that are applicable to my event.
3. I understand that it is my responsibility to contact the appropriate department(s) to coordinate any assistance that may be needed and that I shall be responsible for any costs that may be associated with any departmental assistance that is either requested by me or required by the City of Cullman.
4. I understand that it is my responsibility to contact the appropriate department(s) to ensure that any other applicable permits, licenses, or permissions are obtained; and that failure to do so will result in the revocation of any Special Event Permit issued.
5. I understand that submitting this application is not a guarantee that my special event will be approved; and I understand that my event is not fully approved until the City Council authorizes it, all requirements are met, all fees/costs are paid, and the Special Event Permit is signed and issued by the Mayor.
6. This application is complete and the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed by:  _____ Signature of Event Organizer	April 17, 2026 2:24 PM CDT _____ Date
Amber Thornton _____ Printed Name	Director _____ Title (if applicable)
Cullman County Public Library _____ Business or Organization Name (if applicable)	

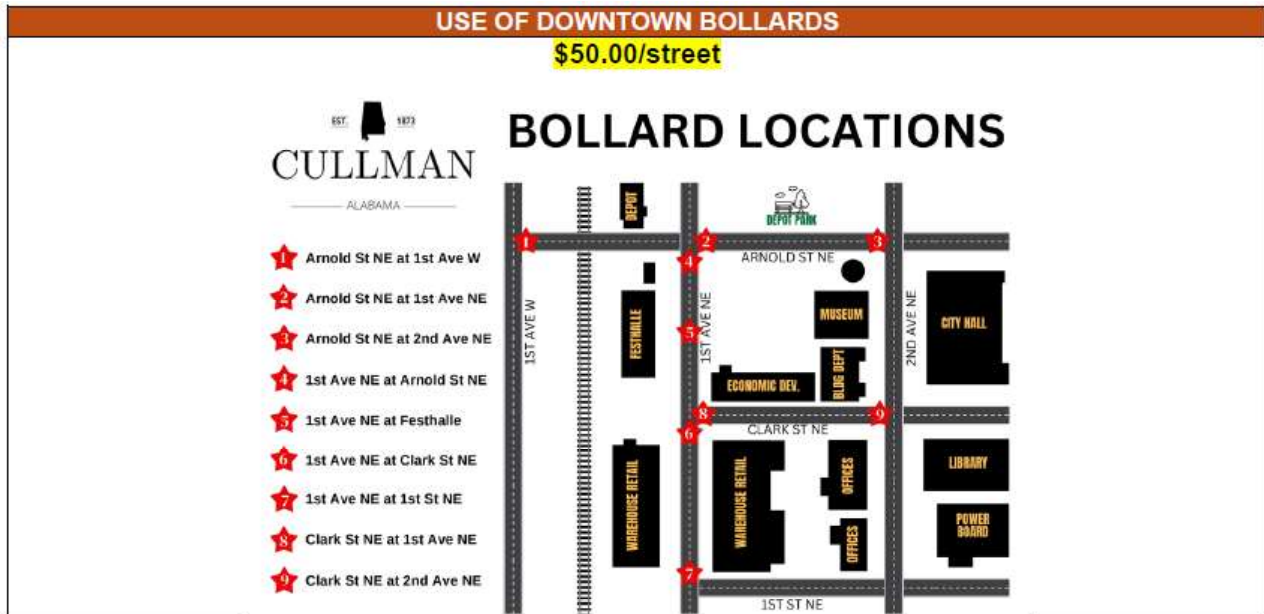
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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| ✓ I HAVE CONTACTED THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE REGARDING RACE/RUN ROUTE. | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE CONTACTED CPRST TO RESERVE A PARK OR FACILITY. | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE CONTACTED CPRST REGARDING ALCOHOL AT THIS EVENT (Q. 5). | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE ATTACHED A DETAILED SAFETY PLAN AND SITE MAP. | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE INCLUDED A MAP OF STREET CLOSINGS AND/OR RACE ROUTES. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE INCLUDED SIGNATURES OF PROPERTY/BUSINESS OWNERS/MANAGERS APPROVING STREET/SIDEWALK CLOSURES. (Q. 2) | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE CONTACTED THE FIRE MARSHAL ABOUT THE USE OF FOOD TRUCKS (Q.7). | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE CONTACTED THE FIRE MARSHAL ABOUT THE USE OF PYROTECHNICS (Q.9). | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE INCLUDED WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION BY THE PROPERTY OWNER/MANAGER TO USE PROPERTY NOT BELONGING TO ME FOR MY EVENT. | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE CONTACTED THE CPD FOR RULES REGARDING PROTESTS, RALLIES, ETC. | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PROCEDURES, RULES, & REGULATIONS FOR APPLYING FOR AND CARRYING OUT A SPECIAL EVENT IN CULLMAN (PAGE 4). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| ✓ I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE CITY OF CULLMAN AS OUTLINED ON PAGE 4. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS ATTACHED BEFORE SUBMITTING.

- ADDITIONAL INFO -

You may be required to contact a department or agency regarding your permit. It is your responsibility to ensure that all applicable permits and licenses are obtained and to coordinate assistance through the appropriate department(s). **COSTS MAY BE INCURRED FOR SOME SERVICES FOR WHICH EVENT ORGANIZER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE.** IF YOU'RE UNSURE ABOUT WHAT PERMITS/LICENSES/PERMISSIONS ARE REQUIRED, CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.



CULLMAN CITY HALL

Phone: (256) 775-7109 | Email: cityhall@cullmanal.gov

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

For general info; obtain race/walk/parade routes; obtain permits or licenses for vendors; submit payment for fees or costs for services.

Location: City Hall, 204 2nd Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055
 Phone: (256) 775-7109 | Email: pleslie@cullmanal.gov
 Web: cullmanal.gov/depts/admin

CPRST (PARKS, RECREATION, & SPORTS TOURISM)

To check availability of and reserve parks or recreational facilities; obtain permits for events involving alcohol consumption/sales.

Location: 703 2nd Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055
 Phone: 256-734-9157 | Email: info@cullmanrecreation.org
 Web: www.cullmanrecreation.org

CULLMAN FIRE RESCUE | FIRE MARSHAL

For inspection of food trucks; obtain permits for pyrotechnics, fires, etc.; request fire/paramedic/telecommunicator services; coordinate ingress/egress for fire/medical emergencies.

Location: 1920 Butler Street NW, Cullman, AL 35055
 Phone: (256) 775-7186 | Web: cullmanal.gov/depts/fire/
 Email: ataylor@cullmanal.gov (general)
 Email: jbutler@cullmanal.gov (Fire Marshal)

CULLMAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

To obtain applicable permits for the preparation and sale of food; to obtain applicable permits for the use of portable toilets.

Location: 601 Logan Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055
 Phone: (256) 734-1030
 Web: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/cullman

MAYOR'S OFFICE

To obtain the official Special Event Permit after City Council authorization and after all other requirements have been met.

Location: City Hall, 204 2nd Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055
 Phone: (256) 775-7102 | Email: lwest@cullmanal.gov
 Web: cullmanal.gov/government/mayor

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

To request police and/or traffic control services; coordinate safety & traffic control; for rules & laws concerning protests, rallies, etc.

Location: 601 2nd Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055
 Phone: (256) 734-1434 | Email: cullmanpd@cullmanal.gov
 Web: cullmanal.gov/depts/cpd/

CITY STREET DEPARTMENT

To coordinate the use of city-owned barricades for street and/or sidewalk closures.

Location: 69 Mitchell Road NE
 Cullman, AL 35055
 Phone: (256) 775-8441
 Web: cullmanal.gov/depts/streetdept

LEGAL OFFICE

For questions regarding permit rules & regulations or questions of a legal nature.

Location: City Hall, 204 2nd Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055
 Phone: (256) 775-7105
 Email: lsatterfield@cullmanal.gov

COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

City Council meetings are normally held on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 7PM in the City Hall auditorium (unless otherwise announced).

www.CullmanAL.gov

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City of Cullman | CullmanAL.gov | 256-775-7109 | cityhall@cullmanal.gov | 204 2nd Avenue NE | P.O. Box 278 | Cullman, AL 35056

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STREET CLOSING APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENT

(Complete only if you are requesting the CLOSING of a street or streets for your event.)

STREET(S)/SIDEWALK(S) REQUESTING TO CLOSE FOR EVENT: _____
Clark ST NE between 2nd Ave. and 3rd Ave

Event Organizer: Amber Thornton Phone: 256-734.1068
 Address: 200 CLark St NE Cullman, AL 35055 Email: athornton@cullmanlib.org
 Date(s) of Street Closing: June 8th 2026 Time(s) of Street Closing: 10:00-3:00
 Name/Description of Event: Summer Reading Kickoff Block Party

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S) OF PROPERTY OR BUSINESS OWNER(S)/MANAGER(S) MUST BE COLLECTED TO SHOW APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSURE (you may use additional pages, if necessary, or your own form):

 Signature Printed Name Title

 Business Name (if applicable) Business Address

 Phone Number Email Address **APPROVE CLOSING? YES NO**

 Signature Printed Name Title

 Business Name (if applicable) Business Address

 Phone Number Email Address **APPROVE CLOSING? YES NO**

 Signature Printed Name Title

 Business Name (if applicable) Business Address

 Phone Number Email Address **APPROVE CLOSING? YES NO**

 Signature Printed Name Title

 Business Name (if applicable) Business Address

 Phone Number Email Address **APPROVE CLOSING? YES NO**

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THIRD-PARTY PROPERTY OWNER APPROVAL

Event Organizer: Summer Reading Kickoff Block Party Phone: 256-734.1068
 Address: 200 Clark St NE Cullman, AL 35055 Email: _____
 Date(s) of Closing: 06/08/2026 Time(s) of Closing: 10:00-3:00
 Name/Description of Event: Summer Reading Kickoff Block Party
 Location of Event: Cullman County Public Library 200 Clark St NE Cullman, AL 35055

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, AM THE OWNER/MANAGER/REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROPERTY AND I AUTHORIZE THE EVENT ORGANIZER TO USE SAID PROPERTY FOR THE ABOVE-REFERENCED EVENT.

Signature Printed Name

Address

Phone Number Email Address

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Signature Printed Name

Address

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