



Street Closure Application
Neighborhood Block Parties (Ordinance 3-2006)

City of Taneytown

Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Description and name of the street, streets, or portions of streets to be closed:

A description of the specific party to be held:

Date(s) of the party: _____

Hours: _____

THE APPLICANT AGREES TO ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS OF ORDINANCE # 3-2006, A COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE APPLICANT AND IS MADE PART OF THIS APPLICATION. THE APPLICANT FURTHER AGREES TO SUBMIT A SIGNED DISCLAIMER FORM PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

ACCEPTED:

Applicant

FEE: \$50 (Payable to the City of Taneytown)

APPROVED:

City of Taneytown

Date: _____

**CITY OF TANEYTOWN
ORDINANCE NO. 3-2006**

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Taneytown gives the City Council the powers to remove all nuisances and obstructions from the streets within the City; and the power to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Citizens of Taneytown; and

WHEREAS, a need has been expressed for the temporary closure and blocking of City streets in order that neighborhoods, or portions thereof, may have group celebrations, in the public street and without the interference of vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Taneytown to place rules and procedures in effect that govern these situations, in order to protect the safety of the Citizens and the right of access to members of the Community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TANEYTOWN that:

Section One: The following be added to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Taneytown, Maryland:

**ARTICLE IV
Street Closures for Neighborhood Block Parties**

176-23 Purpose.

The purpose of this Article is to provide for the temporary blocking of City streets in a safe manner to allow neighborhoods, or portions thereof, to have neighborhood block parties that will use portions of the public street and temporarily close the street to vehicular traffic.

176-24 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PARTY — A get-together, celebration or other similar event intended to be attended by a neighborhood or section of the City, but shall not include a garage sale, yard sale, bazaar, rummage sale or other similar activity having the principal purpose of fund-raising for an individual or organization, nor shall it include a political meeting or rally, carnival, theatrical, or musical performances, such as concerts or similar events.

STREET — A City street, highway or road.

176-25 Permit required; application.

Office of City Manager, City of Taneytown
17 East Baltimore Street. Taneytown, MD 21787. 410-751-1100.

- A. Any person, before blocking or barricading a street in the City of Taneytown for purposes of holding a block party shall obtain a permit from the City Manager.
- B. The City Manager shall be authorized to issue a permit for the temporary blocking of a street for the purpose of holding a block party. Such permit shall allow the temporary blocking of a street on one particular date only, and during a specified time period which shall be of a single duration.
- C. An application for such permit shall be filed with the City at least seven (7) days before the commencement of such party. In conjunction with the application, the applicant must provide written confirmation to the City, in the form of a petition, or on the application itself, that at least 51% of the property owners fronting on said street to be closed, have approved the submission of the application and street closure. Such application shall contain the following minimum information:
 - 1. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant.
 - 2. The name of the street or streets and the description of the portions thereof to be blocked.
 - 3. A description of the specific party to be held.
 - 4. The date and the hours thereof.
- D. The specific nature of the form of the application and permit shall be determined by the City Manager.
- E. The application fee for this permit shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Mayor and City Council.

176-26 Determination of approval of permit application.

The permit shall be approved by the City Manager if it is determined that the block party meets the criteria of this Article and that blocking the street or portion thereof on the date requested in the application will not unduly interfere with the flow of vehicular traffic, or the safety of the residents of the City. The City Manager shall advise the applicant, in writing, of the reason for denial of the application.

176-27 Additional Requirements.

- A. Duration of permit; time limitations. A permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall be valid only on state and/or federal holidays and weekends for the date and hours specified thereon, which shall not be before 8:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.
- B. Clean up required. The applicant shall be responsible for the removal of litter, debris and other materials from the street or portion thereof used for the party which is attributable to or caused by the party.

C. Blocking of Streets.

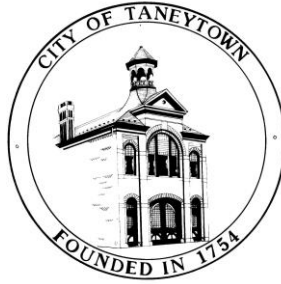
1. Prior to the commencement of the time for which the road is to be blocked, the City Public Works Director shall cause the street or portion thereof to be blocked, by devices of his choice, to motor vehicles except authorized emergency or hazard vehicles, and to provide detour signs for vehicular traffic. No other person shall in any manner block or place barricades in the road.
2. A street or portion thereof blocked off for a party shall not be obstructed by picnic tables and shall not be obstructed by other obstacles which cannot be readily moved to allow emergency or hazard vehicles to enter in response to an emergency.
3. The City Manager shall notify the Police Department, and the appropriate Fire Department of the date and time of the street blocking at the time the permit is issued.

D. Alcoholic Beverages. Open containers with alcohol are prohibited on City streets.

E. Disclaimer and Hold Harmless. The applicant must submit with the application a signed Disclaimer on a form provided by the City. Further, any person obtaining a permit as provided by this Article agrees, as a condition of the issuance of the permit, to indemnify and hold harmless the City against any claims and expenses, including attorney's fees and court costs, for any claim for bodily injury or property damage for accidents or occurrences arising out of the use of the public street for the block party.

176-28 Limitation on number of permits issued.

No more than two permits shall be granted by the City in any calendar year for the same neighborhood.



Block Party Disclosure Statement

Applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Taneytown and its officials, employees and agents from and against any and all liabilities, judgments, settlements, losses, costs or charges (including attorneys' fees) incurred by the City of Taneytown or any of its officials, employees or agents as a result of any claim, demand, action or suit arising out of, related to or associated with the block party outlined in the Block Party Application.

Applicant signature

Date