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401.15.G.7 Special Events

(Includes Temporary Signs, Banners, Tents & Similar)

- a. **Sign Permit Required.** No special event shall be held without first obtaining a sign permit.
- b. **Number of Events.** The business or applicant in all business and industrial zoning districts, as well as each public and institutional use in residential districts (except for the areas within the Destination Retail Highway District as indicated in Section 401.15.G.7.c), shall be a total of fifty (50) special event days in a calendar year. Once the time period has expired for a special event, the applicant shall wait the same number of days that the sign permit was issued to start a new special event.
- c. **Events in the Destination Retail Highway District.** The business or applicant in the Destination Retail Highway District shall be allowed a total of one hundred eighty (180) special event days in a calendar year for any applicant, business, or public and institutional use. Once the time period has expired for a special event, the applicant shall wait two (2) days before starting a new sales event. All other special event requirements, as found in Section 401.15.G.7 of this Ordinance, shall be adhered to within the Destination Retail Highway District.
- d. **Permitted Signs and Displays.** The signs and displays described below are permitted for special events in addition to the maximum allowable sign area, provided they are professionally done and the following standards are met and complied with:
 - 1) Balloons.
 - 2) Tents.
 - 3) Bannerettes and Pennants.
 - 4) Banners.

- 5) Search lights.
 - a) Search lights as regulated in Section 401.15.B.7.g.1) of this Ordinance.
 - b) Ribbons, Streamers and Air Inflatable Devices – limited to three (3) special event days per calendar year, each no longer than ten (10) days per event.
- e. **Prohibited Signs and Displays for Special Events.** The signs or displays described below are prohibited for special events:
 - 1) Animated signs, dynamic display signs, electronic graphic display signs, Multivision signs, video display signs, light bulb strings, and portable signs.
 - 2) Displays or special features on any landscaped areas or on roofs.
 - 3) Aerial rides.
 - 4) Additional lighting that does not meet this Ordinance.
 - 5) Any sign or display in the public right-of-way.
- f. **Sign Permit Requirements for Special Event Lot Decorations.** Before any special event signs or decorations shall be permitted to be used for an event, the responsible property owner or organization shall submit a completed application for a sign permit with the City. In addition to other requirements, the applicant shall show that when the event is held, adequate parking area will continue to exist, even though a portion of required parking spaces may be used to celebrate the event. Only after the City issues the sign permit, may a business display the special event signs and decorations.
- g. **Violations.**
 - 1) It is a violation for any person, company, or organization to provide, erect or display any beacons, balloons or other advertising device which is not in conformity with the provisions of this Section.
 - 2) Special event signs and decorations not removed by the last day of the special event.