City of Menasha Special Event Policy

SPECIAL EVENT is defined as any planned occurrence on the public right-of-way or public premises including, but not limited to; parades, gatherings, festivals and athletic events. By nature these events have a greater impact on City services and resources than would have occurred had the event not taken place. Special events require multiple department involvement.

The City of Menasha wants any Special Event to be a success for organizers and participants alike. By providing for an organized application process, we hope to provide for the safety and well being of all community members.

APPLICATION Complete Special Event Agreement Packet must be returned to City Hall, 2nd Floor, Public Works/Park & Recreation Departments at least 60 days prior to the event. This will allow time for all pertinent departments to review your event needs. A non – refundable fee of $25 is due at the time your application is submitted. Please note that if you are holding an event in a park you will need to reserve the park prior to turning in your Special Events Application.

REVIEW OF APPLICATION Once your application is received and reviewed, someone from your group will be required to attend a meeting with the Special Events Committee. You will be advised of the date and time. The appropriate departments will review the individual worksheets included in your Special Events Packet to ensure that all considerations have been identified and contingencies planned for.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION Once your application has been reviewed and approved you will receive a Special Event Permit.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE AND ENDORSEMENT Proof of insurance is required for all special events and must be provided by the event sponsor. The City of Menasha needs to be named as additional insured on both the Certificate of Insurance and the Endorsement. (See attached sample) The sponsor shall hold the City, any of its employees and agents and facilities harmless against all claims, liability, loss, damage or expense incurred by the City for any damage or injury to person or property caused by or resulting from activities arising from the special event. **The Certificate of Insurance and the Endorsement must be submitted with the Special Events packet.**

SPONSOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES If your event requires street closure, it is the event holder's responsibility to contact the bus line, Valley Transit at 920-832-5200 and Gold Cross Ambulance 920-967-6077 to alert them to the street closure. It is also the event holder's responsibility to notify to the property occupants affected by a street closure exceeding 30 minutes. Included in this packet is a form that can be used for notification.

FEES All events are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of $25 at the time their application is turned in. Charges for park facilities, food sales permits, tent permit fees, firework fees, etc. are to be paid *IN ADDITION* to the Special Events application fee. Submittal of an event application does **NOT** reserve a park. The applicable fees due prior to your event are: temporary food service permits, temporary beer sales permit, carnival permit, tent fee inspection and fireworks permits. At the completion of your event, charges must be paid no more than 60 days after the last date of your event. If this requirement is not met, further charges may be incurred.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AS EVENT HOLDERS Non-Profits hosting an event that is free and open to the public **may** receive up to a 50% discount on the total Special Event bill. By definition the Non-Profit group must be a registered 501(c)(3) organization and proof of this designation is required.

TERMINATION OF EVENT The City and its representative reserve the right to shut down a special event that is in progress if it is determined to be a safety hazard by the Police and/or Fire Departments and/or there is a violation of City Ordinances, State Statute, or the terms of the approved application have not been met. The Mayor and /or their designee may revoke an approved Special Event Permit if the applicant fails to comply in good faith with the provisions of the permit prior to the event date.