

Neighborhood Block Party: Proposed Pilot Program

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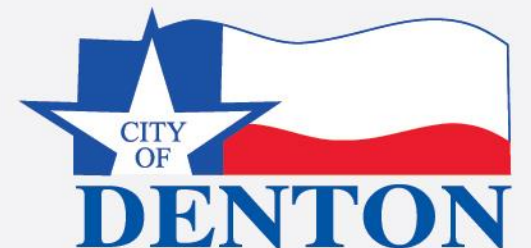


Neighborhood Block Parties

- Goal: Implement a one year pilot program for neighborhood block parties with streamlined requirements.
- Current Conditions: Block parties are treated like large-scale special events with requirements that are cumbersome and cost prohibitive.

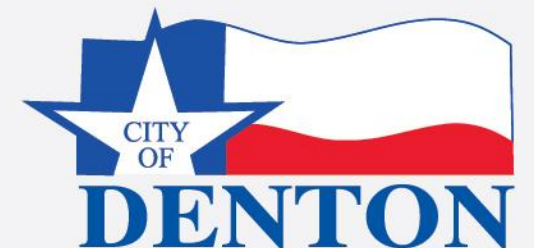
Proposed Neighborhood Block Party Criteria

A neighborhood block party is a residential gathering or street closure with 200 or fewer attendees, intended only for neighborhood residents and not open to the general public.



Key Points

- **Neighborhood Block Party Criteria:** Clear guidelines differentiate neighborhood block parties from special events.
- **Required Documentation:** Proposed requirements are proportionate to the scale and impact of block parties.
- **Review Process:** 30 days is adequate time for interdepartmental review.
- **Fees:** Cost recover a portion of the City Administrative costs while reducing other nonapplicable fees.
- **Temporary Road Closure:** Target low-impact street segments to minimize traffic disruption and maintain emergency access.



Current Special Event Process vs. Proposed Neighborhood Block Party Pilot Program

Category	Current Process	Proposed Pilot Program
Fee Structure	Tiered pricing and up to 4 permits	\$60 flat fee
Requirements	10-15 supplemental documents	4-6 supplemental documents
Review	11 departments involved	7 departments involved
Noise Exemption	Application for council approval	Application to the Director of Parks and Recreation
Alcohol Sales	Application for council approval	Follow TABC requirements
Traffic Control Plan	Barricade company or by professional engineer	Barricades provided by PARD
Notification	Signatures from affected owners	Signatures from affected residents

Resources and Guidelines

- [City of Denton Neighborhood Block Party Planning Guide](#)
- [Neighborhood Block Party Permit Application](#)
- [Template Neighborhood Block Party Permit Checklist](#)
- [Example of Approved Block Party Permit](#)

Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of a one year pilot program

Other Action

- Community Partnership Committee recommends consideration by City Council for approval of pilot program
- Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board recommends approval of pilot program (5-0)

Questions?

