

ORDINANCE NO:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON TEMPORARILY AMENDING CHAPTER 25 STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE V, SPECIAL EVENTS, ADDING DIVISION 6, NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES SECTIONS 25-252 THROUGH 25-256 TO CREATE A ONE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH APPLICATION AND PERMITTING PROCESSES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES COMMENCING ON JUNE 1, 2026, AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 1, 2027; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Denton's Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with Traffic, Fire, and Police Departments reviews and approves Special Events applications; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Community Partnership Committee requested a streamlined permitting process for residents to plan and execute neighborhood block parties; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board, after thorough review of these amendments, recommends approval; and

WHEREAS, the Community Partnership Committee, after thorough review of these amendments recommends consideration by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the proposed temporary amendments to Chapter 25 STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE V SPECIAL EVENTS, ADDING DIVISION 6, NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES SECTIONS 25-252 THROUGH 25-256, incorporates the above recommendations by the Parks and Recreation, Fire, Emergency Management, Police, and Traffic Departments and the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board and the Community Partnership Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed revisions are in the interest of the public; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The recitals contained in the preamble of this ordinance are incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if set out fully herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby amends the existing Chapter 25 Streets, Sidewalks And Public Places, Article V, Special Events, Adding Division 6, Neighborhood Block Parties Sections 25-252 through 25-256 to create a one-year pilot program to establish application and permitting processes for implementation of a streamlined process for neighborhood block parties commencing on June 1, 2026, and expiring on June 1, 2027 which shall read as shown in Exhibit "A".

SECTION 3. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall.....?. (may not need this)

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall supersede and replace all previous conflicting provisions of the City Ordinances and Code. All other non-conflicting provisions, including those of Chapter 25 of the Code of the City of Denton, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 5. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

SECTION 6. The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the above revised section in the City's Code of Ordinances as authorized by Section 52.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The motion to approve this ordinance was made by _____ and seconded by _____. This ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [___ - ___]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
INGRID REX, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: _____

Exhibit A

Article V, Division 6: Neighborhood Block Parties

Sec. 25-252. Purpose:

This Article is intended to create a one-year pilot program to establish application and permitting processes for implementation of a streamlined process for Neighborhood Block Parties. The pilot program will commence on June 1, 2026, and will expire on June 1, 2027.

Sec. 25-253. Administration and application.

a. During the Pilot Program, block parties will follow a streamlined special event process consisting of application submission, internal review, and approval and issuance of a notice to proceed.

b. For the duration of the Pilot Program, the application window in Section 25-245 is suspended. The application window is thirty (30) days.

c. The Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, may determine that an application can be processed in a shorter time period, taking into consideration the nature and scope of the proposed event and resource availability.

Sec. 25-254. Fees, insurance.

a. Neighborhood block parties shall be subject to a Tier 1 special event permit fee. Tier one fees are set forth by the City Council approved schedule of fees as posted on the City of Denton website. Organizers may also be subject to other fees, including but not limited to tent permit fees, as applicable.

b. Neighborhood block parties remain exempt from insurance requirements set forth in Section 25-248. Waiver of liability and indemnification agreement is required.

Sec. 25-255. Temporary road closures.

a. For the duration of the Pilot Program, temporary road closures on local residential streets may be approved with a street closure request. City-provided Type II barricades are required to designate the street closure.

b. Closures must maintain emergency access, avoid collector and arterial streets, and comply with any conditions required by the City for safety.

c. Neighborhood Block Party organizers are required to notify all neighbors impacted by the event and related street closure request as part of the application process.

Sec. 25-256. OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS.

- a. Block parties may not exceed 200 attendees.
- b. Block parties may take place between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and cannot exceed 8 hours.
- c. Applicants shall comply with all city noise ordinances.
- d. Block party permits will not be granted to residents of an apartment complex or owners of commercial property.