


WHEN THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED...

1. The City Manager 's office will notify the applicant to pick up the permit.
2. The \$100 bond is deposited with the Budget and Finance Department in the applicant' s name. The applicant will receive a receipt for the bond.
3. Barricades will be dropped by the Kent Service Department at the sponsor 's residence or designated residence the day before the block party. If the block party is on a week-end, it will be the Friday before.



AFTER THE BLOCK PARTY...

1. Barricades will be picked up by the Kent Service Department the day after the block party, or, if the block party is on a weekend, the following Monday, from the designated residence. ***Barricades are not to be left on the street after the block party.*** 
2. If no damage to City property, area is cleared of any event supplies or trash, and no complaints have been registered against the sponsors, the City

Manager 's office will notify Budget and Finance to return the bond to the sponsor. The check can be mailed to the sponsor, or the sponsor may make arrangements with the Budget and Finance Department to pick up the check when ready and bring the receipt to Budget and Finance for the bond.



REVOCATION OF PERMIT

Any permit can be revoked by the City Manager, or if he/she is not present, by the ranking police officer on duty for:

Any expansion of the block party beyond the affected area regardless of whether such expansion is known or approved by the permit holder.

Any acts of vandalism, littering, disorderly conduct or criminal activity by any of the participants regardless of whether the perpetrators of such acts are apprehended.

Any acts or circumstances, lawful or unlawful, which in the opinion of the City Manager or the ranking police officer on duty, create a substantial risk of injury to person or property.

If a permit is revoked, notice shall be given to all participants in or near the affected area by announcing such fact over the public address system of any marked police car or by any other manner reasonably calculated to effect such notice.

Ordinances are available on line on the City of Kent 's web site: www.kentohio.org

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BLOCK PARTY

Regulations and Information

City of Kent



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215 E. Summit Street
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You should know...

- ▼ PERMITS FOR BLOCK PARTIES OR STREET ASSEMBLAGES ARE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.
- ▼ APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE 10 - 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE.
- ▼ A \$100 BOND IS REQUIRED. THIS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PERSON PAYING THE BOND AFTER THE EVENT IF NO DAMAGE OR COMPLAINTS ARE RECEIVED REGARDING THE EVENT. IT USUALLY TAKES ONE OR TWO WEEKS FOR THE FINANCE DEPT. TO PROCESS THE CHECK.
- ▼ NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY. EXERCISE CARE TO AVOID THE UNLAWFUL PROVISION OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS.
- ▼ COMPLIANCE WITH NOISE ORDINANCE CHAPTER 509.12 IS IN FORCE.
- ▼ BARRICADES MUST BE STAFFED BY SPONSOR OR A CO-SPONSOR TO ENSURE EMERGENCY ACCESS.
- ▼ THE PLANNED BLOCK PARTY WILL NOT, IN THE OPINION OF THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, PRESENT A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF HARM TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY IF HELD AT THE LOCATION, DATE AND TIMES REQUESTED.
- ▼ THE CITY OF KENT ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE APPLICANT.



Chapter 315.01

What is a Block Party?

A block party is a willful gathering of two or more persons within a *residential* neighborhood, which requires the blocking of any public street, sidewalk or tree lawn to normal vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

How is a Block Party different from a Street Assemblage?

A street assemblage is any willful gathering of persons for less than three hours, which does not include the sale of goods, food items or other monetary actions, and is *outside a residential district*.

“Street assemblage” does not include parades or special events as described in Chapter 316 of the Kent Codified ordinances.

What is Affected Area?

Affected area is the portion of public rights-of-way which is the site of a block party or blocking or impeding normal traffic.

What is Affected Property?

Affected property means any parcel of land, any part of which borders on any affected area of a block party.

What is Affected Property Owner?

Affected property owner means an adult who owns property in an area affected by a block party or street assemblage.



Chapter 315.02

PARTICIPATION IN AN UNLAWFUL BLOCK PARTY OR STREET ASSEMBLAGE



No person shall knowingly or recklessly participate in any block party or street assemblage for which a permit has not been obtained.

No person shall knowingly or recklessly participate in any block party or street assemblage after the permit for such gathering has been revoked.



PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete application form – available at the City Manager's office.
2. \$100 bond required with application.
3. Petition requesting the block party must be submitted with the application stating the specific date and time of the block party and bear the signatures of seventy percent or more of the affected property owners of residences in the affected area.
4. A map or drawing clearly identifying the site of the planned block party and clearly marking all points at which barricades will be needed must accompany the application.
5. The application clearly states the date and time of the beginning of the block party – not earlier than 10:00 a.m. – and the time the block party will end – no later than fifteen minutes before sunset, as determined by the National Weather Service.