

Parades

WHAT IS A PARADE?

According to SF Police Code (Article 4, Sec. 366), a parade is defined as “an event, not including an athletic event, in which a group of persons proceed as a collective body for more than one block on any street in the City and County of San Francisco, whether on foot or in any type of vehicle or on an animal or animals, which event obstructs or interferes with the normal flow of vehicular traffic.”

NOTE: If you are planning an outdoor event associated with a parade, you will be required to obtain a separate permit from the jurisdiction that oversees the land or permitted activity.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING FOR A PARADE PERMIT?

- » Fill out the [SFPD Permit Application](#) and submit to the Permit Officer at the [Local Police District Station](#) where the parade begins. Submitting the application at least 2 months prior to the event will ensure there is enough time to appeal if it's denied.

- » For Parades that are Citywide/Multiple Police Jurisdictions, [submit the SFPD Parade Permit Application](#) to:
Sgt. Frank Hagan, SFPD Traffic Division Event Coordinator
850 Bryant Street, Room 154, San Francisco, CA 94103
Frank.Hagan@sfgov.org, (415) 553-1929

In addition, contact any government agency that has jurisdiction over the land / property to share your plans – e.g., SFMTA/ISCOTT, SF Recreation & Park Department, Port of SF.

For Recreation & Park Property: If you are planning to stage the start or the end of the parade on – or adjacent to – SF Recreation & Park property, you will need to apply for an additional permit from the [SF Recreation & Park Department](#).

STREET CLEAN-UP & BARRICADES

Parade organizers are strongly encouraged to share their street clean-up and barricade plans with SF Public Works, Bureau or Street Environment Services: Alison Mickels, (415) 695-2130, alison.mickels@sfdpw.org; or Linda Lee-Robbins, linda.lee-robbins@sfdpw.org.



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