

PARK FACILITIES & PLAZA USE POLICY OVERVIEW & COMPARISON

MINNESOTA CITIES

City	Permit Requirements
Minneapolis	<p>M.C.O. ch. 440 grants city engineer authority to review applications and create conditions.</p> <p>Public Works Dept. provides an application granting reviewing authority complete discretion. Bond and/or insurance <i>may</i> be required.</p>
St. Paul	<p>Park space, park facilities, large/small event, large/small community festival, and walk/runs - all handled under a single city policy.</p> <p>Applications: city-wide special events committee reviews applications and makes recommendation to Director of Parks and Rec. List of 16 criteria is provided; several are content-based, e.g. “How well the event fits strategic plan and public purpose objectives for the city” and “whether the event provides the city with positive local, regional and national media exposure.” Policy provides response timeline and appeals process.</p> <p>Rules and regulations: apply to all applicants, regardless of event. City noise regulations apply unless a variance is obtained. Amplified sound must end at 10:00 p.m. Signs and banners must be approved by the Department. Attachment of banners or objects to trees, sculptures, light poles prohibited. Sticker distribution prohibited. Tents must be approved by grounds manager (no criteria given). Overnights not addressed.</p>
Bloomington	<p>“Rental Policy” for park facilities managed by Parks and Recreation Division.</p> <p>May be used for, “events as approved by the City Parks and Recreation Division on an individual basis.” General event usage may include picnics, weddings, or other special celebrations, organization performances or events, and business or family meetings.”</p> <p>Tents are allowed but require a conditional use permit. No other speech-related rules or regulations are provided.</p>
Rochester	<p>Rochester Code of Ordinances ch. 45D. provides rules and regulations surrounding use of city’s “Peace Plaza.” Rochester Common Council controls the operation of the plaza. The Common Council may, “delegate the daily operation and event coordinating authority to a city department or nonprofit organization.”</p> <p>Rules of conduct: no writing on buildings, structures, rock, stone, fence or benches. No hanging signs from structures, trees, or “things.” No uttering, “loud, threatening, abusive, or indecent language tending to cause a breach of the peace.” No obscene, indecent, or disorderly conduct. No being present between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless allowed for a permitted event. No permanent or temporary structures that</p>

	<p>will impede pedestrian traffic during business hours. No excessive noise during established hours.</p> <p>Permits for <i>exclusive</i> use may be granted at the discretion of the Common Council or designee.</p>
Duluth	<p>Duluth City Code, ch. 35 regulates permits and fees related to park and recreation amenities. Duluth Special Event Permit Application contains rules and policies. Applies to plazas, parks, beaches, and recreation trails.</p> <p>Permit defines a, “special event” as being: “1) open to the public, and/or; 2) charges admission or registration fee. Events held on city streets are directed to contact the city clerk’s office.</p> <p>Park rules attached to permit application: notes that permits do not grant exclusive use. Time slots are between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>City code: permits and fees are invoked when more than 40 people will be present. Tents and sleeping equipment are not allowed for purposes of sleeping in public parks unless within a designated camping area. No person shall remain in a park between midnight and 6:00 a.m. (certain parks excepted).</p>
St. Louis Park	<p>Does not address use of public space for special events other than street closures/block parties.</p>
Minnetonka	<p>Does not address use of public space for special events. Certain park facilities are available to rent and are subject to park rules, which must be requested by telephone.</p>