



City Hall | Parks and Rec
2500 14th St.
Columbus, NE 68601
402-562-4232
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Memorandum

Date: 3/18/2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Betsy Eckhardt, Director of General Services

RE: Canned Beer Only Permit

Recommendation: To approve the "Canned Beer Only" permit for the Park and Recreation Beats and Eats for the 2026 Season.

Discussion:

The CP&R Staff and the attendants at Beats and Eats in Frankfort Square are good stewards of the canned beer privilege and would like to request continued use in the 2026 season. CP&R staff will be present for all events and provides an atmosphere of safe and responsible drinking by attendants.

Minor Rule:

Any minor who is in attendance and is caught drinking at Frankfort Square will be suspended for one year from the date from participating and being present at Frankfort Square or Park and Recreations Events. Law enforcement immediately is contacted regarding the incident

Canned Beer Rule:

Canned beer only. Consumption of canned beer is restricted to within the confines of Frankfort Square.

Concurrence:

By: Alondra Castillo

Signature:

By: Betsy Eckhardt

Approved By: [Signature]



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Answer all questions completely. Inaccurate or incomplete responses may result in the denial of a permit. ***For the protection of the City of Columbus and its assets, and for the overall success of the event in question, the City of Columbus Special Event Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to or to impose additional requirements to the policies stated herein, based on individual circumstances.***

| EVENT SPONSOR/APPLICANT/RESPONSIBLE PARTY INFORMATION | | |
|--|---|--------------------|
| 1. NAME: Alondra Castillo | 2. TODAY'S DATE: 3/9/2026 | |
| 3. ADDRESS: 1018 2nd Street | 4. EMAIL: alondra.castillo@columbusne.us | |
| 5. CITY: Columbus | 6. STATE: NE | 7. ZIP CODE: 68601 |
| 8. DAY PHONE: 402-562-4261 | 9. CELL PHONE: 402-606-0942 | |
| 10. COMPANY/ORGANIZATION NAME, IF APPLICABLE: Columbus Parks and Recreation | | |
| 11. COMPANY ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: 2500 14th Street | 12. COMPANY PHONE: 402-562-4261 | |
| 13. NAME OF ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON: Sydney Mroczek | 14. ALTERNATE'S CELL PHONE: 402-562-4234 | |
| EVENT INFORMATION | | |
| 15. EVENT NAME: Beats and Eats | | |
| 16. EVENT LOCATION: Frankfort Square | | |
| 17. ESTIMATED # OF PARTICIPANTS: 100/show | 18. ESTIMATED # OF SPECTATORS: 100/show | |
| 19. ACTUAL EVENT DATE(S): May 30th - August 1st | 20. ACTUAL EVENT TIME(S): Thurs/Sat 7PM | |
| 21. EVENT SETUP DATE(S): | 22. EVENT SETUP TIME(S): 3pm | |
| 23. EVENT TEAR-DOWN DATE(S): | 24. EVENT TEAR-DOWN TIME(S): 11pm | |
| 25. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS ATTACHED – Check as applicable: | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checklist (Pg 8 – 9) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement of Contact (Pg 10) <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan (Pg 11) <input type="checkbox"/> List of Vendors (Pg 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Street Closure Request Consent Form (Pg 13) <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate(s) or Proof of Liability Insurance (see instructions on Pg 2) | | |
| 26. Please provide a <u>detailed description</u> of the event, using a separate sheet of paper if necessary. This is the annual Beats and Eats at Frankfort Square. Concerts will be on Thursday and Saturday evenings starting at 7PM. Most bands start to set up at 3PM. I will issue permits for all food trucks. | | |



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APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, the Event Sponsor, agree to indemnify and defend the City of Columbus, its officials, agents and employees (the "Indemnities") against any losses, costs, damages, liabilities, claims, suits, actions, causes of action and expenses resulting from, arising out of, or relating to any negligence or intentional misconduct by the applicant of the sponsoring organization, its officers, employees, or any person under its control in connection with this permit.

As applicable, I, or the organization acting as the Event Sponsor, have provided within this application, the required insurance which will cover all losses that may occur at the event, and to, by and between the Event Sponsor and the Volunteers. All Vendors have provided their own insurance, unless otherwise stated. (Per Definitions of Event Sponsor, Vendor, and Volunteer on Pg 2)

I affirm that all answers given and statements made on this application are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and beliefs. I have read and understand the terms and conditions outlined in this application. Failure to comply with the conditions of the special event application may result in revocation of current and future applications. I agree to be bound by the above terms as a condition to the issuance of the Special Event Permit.

The undersigned person, as the Applicant, does hereby agree and represent that he or she is legally capable to sign this application, and to lawfully bind the Applicant (and the Applicant's Organization, if applicable) as the Event Sponsor to the terms and conditions herein.

Alondra Castillo
NAME OF APPLICANT
Alondra Castillo
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Columbus Parks and Recreation
NAME OF ORGANIZATION
3/9/2026
DATE

Before submitting your application, please make sure that the following steps have been completed. Have you:

- Signed and dated your application?
- Provided *all* documents and information as requested in this application?
- Submitted required Certificate(s) of Insurance?

Submit the completed application to:

City of Columbus
2500 14th St, Suite 3. PO Box 1677
Columbus, NE 68602
eventpermit@columbusne.us
Phone: (402) 562-4232

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Approved by Administration: _____ Approved by Parks & Recreation (if applicable): _____

Betsy Eckhardt _____
Director of General Services Date 03/10/2026

Park and Recreation Director Date

Approved by Police Department (if applicable): _____

Approved by Public Works (if applicable): _____

[Signature] _____
Chief of Police Date 3/17/2026

Chuck Sliva _____
Public Works Director Date 3/10/26



City of Columbus Special Event Packet CHECKLIST

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR EVENT.

See **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTACT** (Pg 10) for contact information of applicable City Departments.

| NAME OF EVENT | | |
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| Reservation of a City Park for event (if Yes, check which one. Possible fees apply.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frankfort Square <input type="checkbox"/> Pawnee Park <input type="checkbox"/> Bradshaw Park <input type="checkbox"/> Centennial Park <input type="checkbox"/> Gerrard Park <input type="checkbox"/> Glur Park <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Park <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset Park <input type="checkbox"/> Other small neighborhood park _____ (name of park) <input type="checkbox"/> Public Entertainment District _____ (name of district) | X | |
| Description of Event: | | |
| Reservation of a shelter within a City Park – fees apply | | |
| Wedding in a City Park – fee applies | | |
| Electricity – fees apply, payable at the City Clerk’s office | X | |
| Participants in addition to Event Sponsor: Attach LIST OF VENDORS (Pg 12). <u>All must have the required Liability Insurance. See Pg 2</u> | | |
| Sale of Merchandise, Food, Beverages: Sales on street or parking lot requires Vendor Permit from the Police Department; Sales in City Park requires Concessionaire permit . | | |
| Parade: Attach requested route | | |
| Street Usage/Closure: If the event is in the street, street barricades are required. Signatures of affected residents/businesses are required. Use Street Closure Request Consent Form (Pg 13) | | |
| Neighborhood Block Party | | |
| Parking Space(s) blocked on City streets or Lots | X | |
| Use of City-Owned Parking Lot | | |
| Tents: Show setup on Site Plan. | | |



| | YES | NO |
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| Alcohol served/sold: complete a Special Designated License Application (SDL). Contact City Clerk at (402) 562-4224 to learn about the required timeline of submittals. Additional fees apply, and the license must include local approval by the City Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at the NE Liquor Control Commission https://lcc.nebraska.gov/special-designated-licenses • Fencing required. NLCC Title 237, Chapter 2, Section 013.03F requires 2 rows of fencing, placed 4' apart, unless waived by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Orange plastic fencing is recommended. • Attach copy of SDL Application to this application. • Must check all ID and use bracelets or hand stamps during the event. | | |
| Alcohol NOT served/sold: (Bring Your Own Beverage – BYOB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No glass containers allowed. • Personal serving size(s) only. • Event Sponsor responsible for monitoring underage drinking, waste pickup, providing bathroom facilities, etc. | X | |
| Fencing: Required for alcohol sales, per plan included on approved SDL. | | |
| Usage of bleachers, picnic tables or trash cans from Parks Department – fees apply | X | |
| Usage of Sound System in Frankfort Square | X | |
| Public Dance: Will require SDL if alcohol is served or sold. | | |
| Open Fires: Explain in detail | | |
| Occupation of City Park after 12:00 Midnight: Requires City Council approval | | |
| Bands or Amplified Music: Noise Ordinance enforced at 11:00 PM | X | |
| Advertising/Promotion of event: Attach detailed plans. <i>Encouraged not to advertise until event approval is granted.</i> | X | |
| Inflatable Devices: Show setup on Site Plan. Must have required <i>additional</i> Liability Insurance. | | |
| Live animal entertainment including: petting zoos, pony rides, and horse-drawn carriage rides Show setup on Site Plan, & provide clean up and disposal plan. Must have required <i>additional</i> Liability Insurance. | | |
| Carnival Rides: Show setup on Site Plan. | | |
| Powered Equipment: Attach list. | X | |
| Spotlights or Lasers: Attach specifications. | X | |
| Race or Competition: Attach detailed map. If street closure will be requested for race route, use Street Closure Request Consent Form (Pg 13) | | |
| Booths/Structures: Show setup on Site Plan. Attach additional specs as applicable. | X | |



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| <p>Public Entertainment District Commons Area – fees apply, must currently hold a liquor license within a designated Public Entertainment District. (Those businesses that are not within the boundary of the Public Entertainment District must apply for an SDL to participate in a Commons Area event.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the site plan below, label the boundaries of the commons area requested, within a designated public entertainment district. • Provide a copy of current liquor license. • Apply to the NE Liquor Control Commission for a requisite entertainment district liquor license, and provide copy of application. • Follow all requirements set forth in Chapter 53 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes as to entertainment districts. • Upon receipt, provide a copy of entertainment district liquor license received from the NE Liquor Control Commission. • Designate the times, day for the sale and consumption of alcohol within the proposed commons area. (As required by State Statute: Food must be sold at all times which alcohol is being sold) • No glass containers allowed. • Comply with any and all conditions requirements, or restrictions that the City Administration or City Council has imposed on the Entertainment District use. • Must check all ID and use bracelets or hand stamps. • Must provide adequate restroom and waste disposal facilities. | <p>YES</p> | <p>NO</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">X</p> |
| <p>Other special/unique provision or information pertaining to the event which have not been addressed in this application – Please describe in detail:</p> | | |



City of Columbus Special Event Packet Acknowledgment of Contact

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the details of their organized event have been communicated thoroughly with City Staff. **Prior to submittal of your special event permit application**, please coordinate with necessary City Staff in advance of the event to make sure you are able to execute your tasks during the day and time of your event. If City services are needed for an event, acknowledge below the date, point of contact and method in which you contacted applicable City department/s. *This form should be included with the Special Event Permit Application.*

For Services or Questions including, **Street Closures; Reservation of Frankfort Square; usage of Parking Lots; Parade Routes; Electricity; Insurance; Parking Stall Closure** – Please contact Administration:

Director of General Services, Betsy Eckhardt (email: betsy.eckhardt@columbusne.us)

Date Contacted: 3/9/2026

Who was Contacted: Betsy Eckhardt

Method of Contact: Phone Email Personal Visit Other

For Services or Questions including **Reservation of City Parks (other than Frankfort Square), Concessionaires Permits, Rental of bleachers or picnic tables, usage of extra trash receptacles, usage of sound system in Frankfort Square** – Please contact the Park and Recreation Director:

Park and Recreation Director, Sydney Mroczek 402-562-4234 sydney.mroczek@columbusne.us

Date Contacted: 3/9/2026

Who was Contacted: Sydney Mroczek

Method of Contact: Phone Email Personal Visit Other

For Services or Questions including **Special Designated Liquor Licenses or special consideration of City Code by the City Council** – Please contact the City Clerk's Office:

402-562-4224 cclerk@columbusne.us

Date Contacted: _____

Who was Contacted: _____

Method of Contact: Phone Email Personal Visit Other

For Services or Questions including, **Traffic Control Materials (barricades, cones)** – Please contact the Street Department: 402-562-4253

Date Contacted: _____

Who was Contacted: _____

Method of Contact: Phone Email Personal Visit Other

For Services or Questions including **Safety, Security, Traffic Control Assistance, Vendor/Solicitors permits** – Please contact the Columbus Police Department: 402-564-3201

Date Contacted: _____

Who was Contacted: _____

Method of Contact: Phone Email Personal Visit Other

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SITE PLAN

Draw a detailed site map, placing all tents, stages, activities, booths, portable toilets, gates, cooking equipment & fences, including the approximate sq. ft. area to be used. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

NAME OF EVENT: Beats and Eats

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| May 30th Nebraska All stars What's The Scoop | June 7th Freedom Road Billie's Grilled Cheese | June 6th Matt Cox Mexico Sobre Ruedas | June 11th Dance Studios Pig in a Bag |
| June 13th Women of Rock What's The Scoop | June 18th Leo Lannie Orchestra Mexico Sobre Ruedas | June 20th The Chicago Invasion What's The Scoop | June 25th Side Step Tradishish |
| June 27th Sinners n Saints What's The Scoop | July 2nd The Farewell Season Billie's Grilled Cheese | July 16th Heartland Boogie Band Pig in a Bag | July 18th Gas N Grass Pier402 |
| July 23rd High Heels Pier402 | July 25th B Street MesaSweets | July 30th Westside Sunset Mexico Sobre Ruedas | August 1st Unfinished Business Shaara Hatal Eats |

Judy's Concessions will be at every one!

