

City of Newburgh

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City Council Extends Event Permit Moratorium

At their Dec. 14 meeting, the City Council extended a moratorium on event permit applications which would necessitate overtime or special services. The decision is based on the ever-increasing demand for City services and personnel for events, and the decreased availability of funds. The moratorium, originally enacted in July of 2009, will remain in effect until March 31, 2010.

The moratorium will apply to City-sponsored events, as well as those on City property planned by outside organizations or individuals requesting City co-sponsorship (waiving of insurance and fees). An exception may be made for events planned by City departments or agencies after careful review of possible budget impacts, or events determined by the Council to be in the best interest and benefit of the community.

It will not apply to gatherings protected under the First Amendment; however the City retains the right to determine their time, place and manner.

An individual or organization denied approval or application for an event under this moratorium is entitled to request a hearing and/or submit an amended application for a permit for an event which does not require additional City personnel or services.