

# City of Newburgh

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### **City Council Extends Event Permit Moratorium**

At their March 8, 2010 meeting, the City Council extended a moratorium on event permit applications necessitating overtime or special services from City departments. 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 The moratorium, originally enacted in July of 2009, and extended until March 31, 2010, will be in effect until December 31, 2010.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 the time, place and manner of these gatherings.

Effective immediately, no event permit application will be approved by the City Manager without a careful analysis by staff of the potential costs to the City in personnel and services. Organizers of events which require City staff, equipment, and/or services must offset the projected costs of events prior to receiving an approved permit application.

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.