

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE NEW HAVEN GREEN  
Adopted May 16, 1973, amended May 27, 2020

These regulations are adopted by The Committee of the Proprietors of Common and Undivided Lands in the Town of New Haven (the "Proprietors") to Govern the use of the New Haven Green (the "Green"):

- (a) A permit must be obtained from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Trees (the "Parks Department") acting on behalf of the Proprietors before any individual, group or organization may hold a meeting, rally, exhibit, demonstration, or any other event on the Green.
- (b) Forms for applying for such permits shall be available during normal business hours at the office of the Parks Department. Any such application must be filed at least three weeks prior to the desired date.
- (c) All events on the Green, following issuance of the permit, shall be held insofar as possible on the hard surfaced areas. Care must be taken to minimize damage and wear to grass areas. Permittees will be required to pay for the removal of any litter and rubbish left on the Green after an event and will be liable for any damage caused the Green by persons attending such event.
- (d) Use of public address systems will be allowed only to the extent specified in the permit. The volume of such public address systems shall be regulated to confine the sound as nearly as possible to the relevant area of the Green and to avoid any nuisance to the residences, businesses and offices in the vicinity of the Green.
- (e) Permittees shall provide and pay for such Police protection and/or Park Security as is deemed necessary by the Director of the Parks Department and Chief of Police.
- (f) Permittees shall provide and pay for such temporary toilet facilities as are deemed necessary by the Health Department and, if applicable, shall comply with the Regulations of the Health Department governing mass gatherings.
- (g) The Director of the Parks Department, with the concurrence of the Chief of Police and Director of the Department of Health, in appropriate cases, shall issue permits for the use of the Green by any individual, group or organization for a meeting, rally, exhibit, demonstration, or any other event, when he or she finds:
  - (1) That the proposed activity or use of the Green will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general enjoyment of the Green;
  - (2) That the proposed activity or use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, safety and recreation;
  - (3) That the proposed activity will be in keeping with the historic character and traditional use of the Green as a community park, environmental

resource, public forum, and as a site for educational, cultural and artistic activities;

- (4) That the proposed activity is not reasonably anticipated to incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct;
  - (5) That the proposed activity or use will not entail unusual, extraordinary or burdensome expense or risk to the City; and
  - (6) That the facilities desired have not been reserved for other use on the day and at the hour requested in the application.
- (h) No vending, collections, contributions or sale of any goods or services will be allowed on the Green without the express, prior written approval of the Proprietors.
  - (i) No activity will be permitted on the Green for the purpose of advertising products or goods for commercial profit.
  - (j) No signs will be placed on the New Haven Green without permission of the Parks Department and the Proprietors.
  - (k) No digging or setting of stakes, etc. is allowed on the Green, except with special permission of and supervision from the Parks Department.
  - (l) No alcohol is permitted on the Green without a special permit.
  - (m) No vehicles may be parked on the Green (whether on grass, paved or gravel areas) without special permission.
  - (n) Consistent with Section 16-141, *et seq.* of the New Haven Code of General Ordinances, the smoking of tobacco or similar products (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars and/or pipes of any kind) is strictly prohibited on the Green.
  - (o) Permittees shall comply with such rules and regulations of the City of New Haven or any department thereof as may from time to time be in force and effect for the use of public parks generally.
  - (p) Within five days after receipt of an application for a permit, the Director of the Parks Department shall inform an applicant in writing of his or her reasons for refusing a permit and any aggrieved applicant shall have the right to appeal in writing within ten days to the Proprietors, which shall consult with the Director and consider the application under the standards set forth in paragraph (g) above, at its following regular meeting (or special meeting called for that propose) and either sustain or overrule the Director.