

**CHAPTER 27**  
**PARADE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH**

**Section 1. Definitions.** (a) "Chief of Police" is the Chief of Police of the City of Ellsworth. (b) "City" is the City of Ellsworth. (c) "Parade" is any parade, march ceremony, show, exhibition, pageant, or procession of any kind, or any similar display, in or upon any street, park or other public place in the City. (d) "Parade Permit" is a permit as required by this ordinance. (e) "person" is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

**Section 2. Permit Required.** No person shall engage in, participate in, aid, form or start any parade, unless a parade permit shall have been obtained from the Chief of Police.

**Section 3. Exceptions.** This Ordinance shall not apply to the following: (a) Funeral processions. (b) Students going to and from school classes or participating in educational activities, providing such conduct is under the immediate direction and supervision of the proper school authorities. (c) A Governmental agency acting within the scope of its function.

**Section 4. Application.** An application for a Parade Permit shall be filed with the Chief of Police not less than five days nor more than thirty days before the date on which it is proposed to conduct the parade. The application for a parade permit shall set forth the following information: (a) The name, address and telephone number of the person seeking to conduct such parade. If the parade is proposed to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by an organization, the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the organization, and of the authorized and responsible heads of such organization. (b) The name, address and telephone number of the person who will be the parade chairman and who will be responsible for its conduct. (c) The date when the parade is to be conducted. (d) The route to be traveled, the starting point and the termination point. (e) The approximate number of persons who, and the animals and vehicles which, will constitute such a parade. The type of animals and description of the vehicles. (f) The hours when such parade will start and terminate. (g) The time at which units of the parade will begin to assemble at any such assembly area or areas. (h) Additional information which the Chief of Police shall find reasonably necessary to a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued.

**Section 5. LATE APPLICATION.** The Chief of Police, where good cause is shown therefore, shall have the authority to consider any application hereunder which is filed before the date such parade is proposed to be conducted.

**Section 6. STANDARDS FOR ISSUANCE.** The Chief of Police shall issue a permit as provided for hereunder when, from a consideration of the application and from such other information as otherwise be obtained, he finds that:

- (a) The conduct of the parade will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its route.
- (b) The concentration of persons, animals and vehicles at assembly points of the parade will not unduly interfere with proper fire and police protection or, or ambulance service to, areas contiguous to such assembly areas.
- (c) The conduct of such parade will not interfere with the movement of fire-fighting equipment enroute to a fire.
- (d) The conduct of the parade is not reasonably likely to cause injury to persons or property, to provoke disorderly conduct or create a disturbance.
- (e) The parade is scheduled to move from its point of origin to its point of termination expeditiously and without unreasonable delays enroute.
- (f) The parade is not to be held for the sole purpose of advertising any product, goods or event, and is not designed to be held purely for private profit.

**Section 7. NOTICE OF REJECTION.** The Chief of Police shall act upon the application for a parade permit within five days after the filing thereof. If the Chief of Police disapproves the application, he shall mail notice of such disapproval to the applicant stating the reasons for his denial of the permit.

**Section 8. APPEAL PROCEDURE.** Any person aggrieved shall have the right to appeal the denial of a parade permit to the City Council. The appeal shall be taken within five days after notice. The City Council shall act upon the appeal within a reasonable time after notice thereof.

**Section 9. ALTERNATIVE PERMIT.** The Chief of Police, in denying an application for a parade permit, shall be empowered to authorize the conduct on a date, at a time, or over a route different from that named by the applicant. An alternate parade permit shall conform to the requirements of, and shall have the effect of a parade permit under, this ordinance.

**Section 10. CONDUCT OF PARADE.** The permittee hereunder shall comply with all permit directions and conditions and with all applicable laws and ordinances. The parade chairman shall restrict the participation in the parade to those persons and organizations named in the application for permit.

**Section 11. INTERFERENCE.** No person shall unreasonably hamper, obstruct or impede, or interfere with any parade or parade assembly or with any person, vehicle or animal participating or used in a parade.

**Section 12. PENALTY.** Whoever violates or fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more then \$100.00 dollars.

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