

Grand County Special Event Permitting Outline

- Grand County Ordinance 597 was enacted in the summer of 2019. This Ordinance governs and established the guidelines for permitting of special events in unincorporated Grand County. The purpose and intent of the permitting process is to regulate assemblage of large numbers of people in excess of those normally needing the public services provided by Grand County in order that the health, safety and welfare of all persons in Grand County, residents and visitors alike, may be protected.
- The ordinance definition of a “Special Event” shall mean a sporting, cultural, entertainment, commercial, or similar gathering, whether for profit or nonprofit, whether open to the public or not, occurring for a limited or fixed duration not to exceed fourteen consecutive days, and
 - Where Daily Total Attendance may exceed one hundred persons;
 - The County Council determines that the proposed event will result in quantifiable impacts to county services or the health, welfare, or safety of citizens; or
 - Any event available to the public that requires the full or partial closure of a public right of way or use of public property.

As used herein, “Daily Total Attendance” shall mean and include;

- All registrants/participants, spectators, staff, hired entities or contractors, and volunteers

By way of illustration, but not limitation, Special Events include:

- Events where entrance fees are charged, retail sales are conducted, or vendors offer goods or services; races; concerts; dances; exhibitions; lectures; or a public assembly, such as a parade, rally, or celebration, whether open to the public or not.

Grand County recognizes and supports the public’s right to assembly and free speech and this Section is not intended to, and does not, restrict speech on the basis of its content, viewpoint or message. To the extent the terms herein are ambiguous, the term shall be interpreted to not regulate on the basis of speech content, and the interpretation resulting in the least restriction on the content of speech shall prevail.

- Special Events Coordinating Committee (SECC) is made up of pertinent County Staff comprised of
 - Chief Building Inspector
 - Clerk/Auditor
 - Community Development Director
 - Emergency Medical Director
 - Fire Chief
 - Moab Area Travel Council Director
 - Road Department Supervisor
 - Sheriff
- Process
 - Event organizer submits a detailed County Special Event Application to the Special Event Coordinator via the County website or by email.
 - The Coordinator reviews the packet for completion.

- The Coordinator submits the packet to the Special Event Coordinating Committee for individual review, in addition to notifying the following agency personnel that it has been received:
 - *Forest Service – Brian Murdock
 - *SITLA – Bryan Torgerson
 - * Moab City – Carmella Galley
 - *BLM – Todd Murdock
 - *UDOT – Kurt McFarlane
 - *SEUDHD – Orion Rogers
 - *Trail Mix – Paul Spencer
 - *Moab Happenings – Theresa King
 - *UHP – Tyler Roberts
- If necessary a SECC meeting may be called to either discuss impacts with County Offices/Departments or to set up a meeting with the event organizer.
- At this time additional information is either requested or the permit is signed/approved by each committee member.
- Approved permits are then routed to the event organizer.
- After event reviews are conducted by the SECC (if applicable).