



CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE

Outdoor Event Ordinance Presentation



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Outdoor Events Permit Overview



Fee
Structure



Board
Recommendations



Staff
Recommendations



Commission
Direction



Current Outdoor Event Process

Administrative Approval

- Events with less than 500 people, no road closures, no alcohol, no music exemptions. No Commission Approval Required.

Commission Approval (Consent Agenda)

- Events with more than 500 people in attendance, road closures, alcohol and/or music exemptions.



Current Application Fee

\$200: More than 90 days before event

\$1,000: Less than 90 days before event



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

Submit **COMPLETED Application, Site Plan, Site Plan Narrative & Application Fee AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR EVENT.** All sections must be completed, application signed and all pages initialed by the applicant. Incomplete applications will be returned to applicant. After you submit the application **with your fee** you will be contacted to meet with the Special Events team to review:

1. Facility/Location requested
2. Compliance with City ordinances
3. Special permits required
4. Other Charges for City Services
5. Security requirements
6. Environmental issues/effects on surrounding areas
7. Maintenance of Traffic Plan

Date Application Received _____

Staff Initials _____

Application Fee (non-refundable)

\$200 - 90 days before event
\$1,000 - 60-89 days before event

Riverwalk District Refundable Compliance/Security deposit

First/Second time event - \$1,500/day
Third/Fourth time event - \$1,000/day
Fifth time or more event - \$500/day
(see Part V: Riverwalk District Outdoor Events)

PART I: EVENT REQUEST

Event Name _____

Purpose of event (check one) ☐ Fundraiser ☐ Awareness ☐ Recreation Other _____



Public Facing Permitted Events Calendar

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▼ Filter Upcoming Events by Dates:

8/13/2025 × and

Apply Cancel

Music Kid Zone Restroom

Food Alcohol

Saturday, August 30, 2025 FORT LAUDERDALE HURRICANES Click for Details	Saturday, January 3, 2026 Riverwalk Stone Crab & Seafood Festival Click for Details
Saturday, August 30, 2025 FORT LAUDERDALE HURRICANES	Saturday, February 21, 2026 VCA Walk for the Animals Click for Details

Total: 40 | Selection: 0 [Reset](#)

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[Back](#) Fundraiser

FORT LAUDERDALE HURRICANES
500 ft

Organized by: FORT LAUDERDALE Hurricanes
Mills Pond Park

Tackle Football Tournament

Saturday, August 30, 2025
Start: 9:00 AM
End: 10:00 PM

Available Amenities:

[Interested in Hosting an Event?](#)



Outdoor Event Rating Matrix

A score of 10 or less – No Impact • 11 – 14 Points – Limited Impact • 15-17 points – Moderate Impact • 18+ points – Major Impact

IMPACT	CRITERIA	SCORING RUBRIC
Number of Participants	0 - 499	0
	501 - 1,999	1
	2,000 - 4,999	2
	5,000 - 9,999	3
	10,000 - 19,999	4
	20,000+	5
Road Closure Requirements	No Closure	0
	Partial Closure (1 Lane)	1
	Full Closure	2
	Single Road	
Road Closure Quantity	Impacted	0
	More than one (1)	
	Road Impacted (1pt for each Road Impacted)	1
Road Closure Duration	Single Day	0
	Multiple Days	1
Road Closure Type	Minor Roadway	0
	Major Roadway	1
Road Closure Day of the Week	Impacts on Saturday or Sunday	1
	Impacts on Monday - Friday	2
Alcohol	No	0
	Yes	1
Public Access to Park	Not restricted	0
	Partially restricted	1
	Fully restricted	2
	Not on the Barrier Island	
Event Location	Island	0
	On the Barrier Island	1
Use of the beach/On the Sand	No	0
	Yes	1

Sand Space Utilized	No	0
	Small Footprint Under 25,000 sq ft (1/2 acre)	1
	Medium Footprint 25,000 - 100,000 sq ft (2 acres)	2
	Large Footprint over 100,000 sq ft (over 2 acres)	3
Turtle Season	No	0
	Yes - Not on the barrier island	0
	Yes - on the barrier island	1
Event Duration	1 Day	1
	2 - 3 Days	2
	4+ Days	3
Set-up & Breakdown Duration	Set-up/Breakdown same day as event	0
	Less than 5 days of set-up/breakdown	1
	5 - 7 Days of set-up/breakdown	2
	7+ days of set-up/breakdown	3
Amplified Music/Sound	No	0
	Yes	1
Additional Permitting	No	0
	Yes	1
MOT Required	No	0
	Yes	1
Turtle Permit Required	No	0
	Yes	1
Public Safety Details Required	No	0
	Police	1
	Fire	1
	Fire Inspection	1
Parking Impacts	No	0
	0-50 public spaces	1
	50-200 public spaces	2
	201+ public spaces	3



Permitted Events Overview

2024 Events - Barrier Island

Swimming	23
Market	89
Small Musical Gathering	22
Sports	11
Walk/Run	14
Large Festival	2
Festival	17
Misc	19
Total	197

2024 Events – NOT Barrier Island

Swimming	0
Market	19
Small Musical Gathering	36
Sports	4
Walk/Run	9
Large Festival	0
Festival	95
Misc	27
Total	192

2025 Permitted Events

Barrier Island Events	209
Off Barrier Island Events	144

(Applications Received thru August 2025)

* On pace for similar average (389 events) as 2024



Proposed Fees

- Applications received 90 days in advance: \$500
- Applications received less than 90 days; \$1,500 (\$500 application + \$1,000 late fee)
- Applications received less than 60 days require City Manager approval

Park License and Beach License Impact Determination

- Score of Less than 10 = No Impact
- Score between 11-14 = Limited Impact
- Score between 15-17 = Moderate Impact
- Score of 18+ = Major impact

If the special event impacts City Park or recreation facility:

- No Impact \$0
- Limited Impact \$1,000 per day
- Moderate Impact \$1,500 per day
- Major Impact \$2,500 per day

OR

If the special event requires use of City Beach Property

- No Impact \$0
- Limited Impact \$500 per day
- Moderate Impact \$1,000 per day
- Major Impact \$2,500 per day



Fee Comparison

Current vs. Proposed

Event	Current Application Fee	Proposed Application Fee	Current Classification	Proposed Classification	Current Beach Usage Fee	Proposed License Fee	Current Total Payment Due	Proposed Total Payment Due
Igloo Cooler Festival (Mills Pond Park)	\$200	\$500	Minor	No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$500
SEFFA Volleyball Tournament (on the beach)	\$200	\$500	Minor	Limited Impact	\$500	\$0	\$700	\$1,000
Walk Like MADD (not held in a park)	\$200	\$500	Intermediate	Limited Impact	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$500
Turkey Trot (on the barrier island)	\$200	\$500	Intermediate	Moderate Impact	\$0	\$1,500	\$200	\$3,500
A1A Marathon (on the barrier island)	\$200	\$500	Intermediate	Major Impact	N/A	\$2,500	\$200	\$10,500
Airshow (on the barrier island)	\$200	\$500	Major	Major Impact	\$2,500 (\$500 x 5 days)	\$12,500 (\$2,500 x 5 days)	\$2,700	\$13,000
Tortuga (on the beach)	\$200	\$500	Major	Major Impact	\$13,500 (\$500 x 27 days)	\$67,500 (\$2,500 x 27 days)	\$13,700	\$68,000



Commission Direction

**Based on the March 18, 2025, Conference Commission presentation -
Discuss with the Parks Recreation Beaches Advisory Board (PRBAB) and get
a recommendation on:**

Suggested
Ordinance changes
that include the
impact fee matrix





Restriction of total
number of events

Addition of a
surcharge for
ticketed events

Fee reduction for
events that provide
economic impact to
barrier island



Outreach Feedback

				
	Proposed Fees Associated with the Impact Fee Matrix	Adding a Fee for Ticketed Events	Fee Reduction for Large Scaled Events	Suggested Number of Outdoor Permitted Events Annually
Parks Recreation Beaches Advisory Board	Supportive	Not Supportive	Not Supportive	400
Central Beach Alliance	Supportive	--	--	--
Beach Business Improvement District	Supportive, with a \$15,000 cap for existing events (i.e., Tortuga) displaying economic impact of \$6 million	--	Supportive, with new events displaying economic impact of 10+ million	--



Options to Reduce Events on Barrier Island

Approve no more than one event per month with a road closure on the barrier island (Currently have 19 annually)

Allow only a certain number of “major-impact” events on the barrier island annually

Terminate Open Spaces Contract to Program Events on the Barrier Island (Eliminates 100 activations annually)

Seasonal Restrictions on road closures (no road closures during peak seasons (i.e., spring break, major holidays))

Establish a guaranteed “quiet weekend” monthly

Establish a Performance-based permit renewal policy

Limit Race/ Walks to Certain Areas

Civic Association Acknowledgement Form to be submitted by Event Promoter

Create two (2) open application windows and base applications on a first come, first serve basis





Events Review Board



Create a Special Event Review Board consisting of community representatives for event review



Applications received and processed per our current procedure but may require additional time for review



Presented with a complete Event Packet to a Special Event Review Board for approval



Appeals for denials presented to Commission



Staff Recommendations

**Approve event fee matrix for
October 1st Implementation**

**Establish a guaranteed
Barrier Island “quiet
weekend” monthly**

**Civic Association
Acknowledgement Form to
be submitted by Event
Promoter**

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the barrier island annually**



Seeking City Commission Feedback

1. Event Fee Matrix

2. Maximum Number of Events

3. Barrier Island Event Considerations

4. Ticket Surcharges

5. Economic Impact Considerations

