

Special Event Policy Comparison

	Delray Beach	Seattle	Austin	West Palm Beach	Miami Beach	Fort Lauderdale	Bayfront Park (Miami)
Application Fee	\$150 (non-refundable);	\$75 (\$150 if late) non-refundable	\$250	\$50 (non-refundable)	\$250; \$250 late fee (non-refundable); can be waived for non-profits	\$200; if less than 60 days before event, \$400	\$6,500
Special Event Fee	\$150-500 (depending on event)		\$200 per block per day (\$4,000 max/day)	\$25-\$15,000+(based on point system: time of year, location, type of event, non-profit status, ticketed vs. free, road closures)	\$250-500 (can be waived for non-profits)	n/a	
Security deposit	50% of total estimated costs		\$2,000 (refundable upon written request	\$500-over \$15,000	\$2500-20,000	\$500/day for events in Riverwalk district	Damage deposit: \$1k-\$10k
Reinstatement fee					if requirements are not fulfilled 14 days before load in of event charged amount equal to permit fee	n/a	

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other fees besides public safety detail, parking services, and related, permit fees issued by other departments (i.e. tents, banners, Business Tax)	hourly rates for staffing services, equipment rentals, inspection and service fees, vendor license fees, city fines, permit fees, and penalties; may discount fees for certain events and non-profits	Street use fee -- charged per block/hour; Waterway use fee -- \$600; Parks use fee -- as per department; commercial sales vendor fee -- \$20; Alcohol sales area -- \$200 (\$100 each add'l); all fees except application gets a prior-year discount of 25%; staff inspection fee -- hourly rate;	Sound permit fee - \$33; sound impact evaluation \$40 (if required); safety closure fees for full or partial closures of streets, sidewalks and r-o-w's -- \$100 application, \$76 safety inspection, \$50/block/day; Traffic Control Plan -- \$1,500 (city engineered and sealed); fee paid event -- 2.5-4.5% of admission fee (based on ticket price); temporary food event permit -- \$35-98	downtown business promotions fee - \$500 (business producing event in downtown master plan area); special event staff fee (\$35/hour; on call \$25/day OT if called)	event-related vehicle access pass (\$150/vehicle); square footage fee (\$.25/sf) and/or concessions % (higher for beach events); park user and Lincoln road fees (25% of total city services); light pole banner fee (\$25-50/pole); 2% resort tax on sales of food and beverages	beach usage fee of \$500/day for for-profits	non-refundable deposit to hold date; \$75,000 plus pavilion/center of park/museum park rental (for load-in and load-out days and day of event); security; clean-up; tent rental; \$400/location alcohol vending; \$100/location food and beverage vending; \$75/location merchandise vending; \$.75-\$12 guaranteed ticket surcharge (even on complimentary tickets); 75 complimentary tickets for the Trust
Application deadline	Based on type of event (from 45-180 days) up to 24 mos in advance	90 days prior to event.	3 days-6 months prior to the event	high impact events (road closures of 12+ hours and/or 5,000+ attendance)-6 months; everything else - 6 weeks	30 days private property; 60 days public	60 days prior to event; if less than 60 days, late fee	no established deadline. Encourage big events to submit several months in advance.
Application approval	Only new major events in downtown core require Commission approval	Application approved by a mayor-appointed committee	City Commission approval not required	City Commission approval not required	City Commission approval not required	Application approved by City Commission	Application approved by Bayfront Trust Board

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Cancellation Policy		% of fees are refundable depending on date of cancelation		50% of the deposit returned if event is canceled btw 3 mos. and 6 weeks of the event		n/a	
Event Limitation	Major events occurring in their downtown core are limited during the season (one/month); no permitted events are allowed to occur concurrently or simultaneously in the downtown core during the season; 12 street closures/year on A1A); availability of City resources; hometown events have priority preference; family-oriented, arts, culture, education events are preferred				Venues are limited to 5 special event permits per calendar year (City events don't count); permits cannot be issued to organizers for substantially similar events for more than 4 consecutive days or five non-consecutive days		

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Permit Compliance	Fines event producers found in violation of the permit \$250/day until the violation is corrected.		Issues fines for \$2,000 for a violation of fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation and \$500 for all other violations for each day		Issues civil fines of \$1,000 for the first offense in 12-month period, \$2,500 for the second offense and \$5,000 for the third and subsequent offenses. Habitual offenders are restricted from receiving permits for a set period of time		