

PUBLIC HEARING PURCELLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

The Purcellville Town Council will hold a public hearing in the Town Council Chambers of Town Hall, located at 221 South Nursery Avenue, Purcellville, Virginia, on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** to receive public input on, consider, and possibly vote on the following item:

An Ordinance governing activities that are commonly identified as “events” or “special events.” The Ordinance proposes to regulate “Events” and defines Events to include: festivals, carnivals, circuses, concerts, parades, performances, tournaments, races (eg; running/walking/cycling) on public streets, neighborhood block parties on public streets, demonstrations, and the sale of goods, when any such activity is either (a) conducted on public property, or (b) conducted on private property and (i) located outdoors, or (ii) located indoors and expected to have attendance in excess of 250 people, or (iii) located indoors and expected to have more than 3 vendors selling goods. As proposed, the Ordinance will allow Events in all zoning districts within the Town of Purcellville.

The proposed Ordinance prohibits an Event from occurring without first obtaining an Event Permit, which will be issued by the Town after review of a complete Event Permit Application and a determination that the Event meets all ordinance requirements. The proposed Ordinance imposes deadlines on the submission of Event Permit Applications, and charges an expedited review fee for applications submitted fewer than 120 days in advance of the Event date.

The proposed Ordinance sets forth information required to be included in an Event Permit Application, including but not limited to the physical layout of the event venue, the location of performance stages and other structures, the location of event parking and the number of parking spaces, the location of emergency access and an emergency services plan, the location and number of signs, the anticipated attendance, any proposed street closures, and the location and quantity of facilities needed to serve patrons at the event such as trash barrels, toilets, and seating. Further, the proposed Ordinance requires that an application provide a detailed schedule of the Event. The proposed Ordinance requires that the Event organizer provide insurance to cover the Event.

The proposed Ordinance establishes rules particular to road races, limiting the number of such races to 6 per year, limiting such races to a maximum distance of 5 kilometers, and allowing such races to occur only on Sundays.

Additionally, the proposed Ordinance details: the criteria that must be met in order to get the Town to close a public street for an Event; the conditions under which a permit may be revoked after it is issued; the rules for serving alcohol at Events; and the health and licensing requirements for vendors at Events.

The proposed Ordinance exempts vendors at Events from the Town’s Business Professional and Occupational License Tax and the Meals Tax.

The proposed Ordinance imposes fees on Event organizers for the Event Permit Application review and for any Town services needed for the event. The proposed fees are as follows:

Street Closure Fee	\$100.00 per day or portion thereof
Town Events Specialist Fee – for event planning services beyond application review and processing	\$30.00 per hour
Public Works Fee (set-up; clean-up, etc.)	Up to \$60.00 per Town employee per hour
Town Police Fee	Up to \$60.00 per Town officer per hour
“No Parking” sign rental	\$5.00 per sign per day

The proposed Ordinance imposes a monetary penalty for conducting an Event without an Event Permit.

The Ordinance is proposed to wholly replace the current Chapter 6 (“Amusements and Entertainments”) of the Town Code, and said Chapter is proposed to be re-titled, “Events.” The current Town Code Section 6-1 (“Public Dances”) is proposed to be deleted in its entirety.

A full and complete copy of the above-referenced Ordinance is on file and may be examined in the Office of the Purcellville Town Clerk, located at Purcellville Town Hall, 221 South Nursery Avenue, Purcellville, Virginia, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, holidays excepted. For questions, please call (540) 338-7421.

At this public hearing, all persons desiring to present their views concerning this matter will be heard. Hearing assistance is available for meetings in the Town Council Chambers. If you require any type of reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting as a result of a physical, sensory or mental disability, contact the Town Clerk at 540-751-2334; please provide notice of the accommodation at least three days in advance of the meeting.

Kwasi A. Fraser, Mayor
Purcellville Town Council

Run dates 8/21/15 and 8/28/15