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Superintendent's Compendium Of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority. Approved: *//signed original on file//*_____March 15, 2011__ BJ Dunn, Acting Superintendent	143 S. 3rd Street Philadelphia, PA 19106 215-597-8787 phone 215-597-1003 fax

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Independence National Historical Park (INDE). Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – Buildings and Grounds Closures and Public Use Limits

A. Visiting Hours

During most of the year those buildings and/or portions of buildings whose visitation is controlled by the National Park Service and which have not been designated as closed to the public are open for public visitation. Hours vary and are extended for some facilities. From time to time because of staffing shortages, special activities, severe weather, mechanical failures, or for maintenance purposes buildings may be closed to the public. The public will be notified of this by the posting of appropriate signs, via the Internet at www.nps.gov/inde, by a park representative, or they may call the Independence Visitor Center at 800-537-7676 during normal operating hours for information.

Some considerations are:

Unless hereinafter noted, normal public use building hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., however some less visited facilities have restricted hours of operation. Access into the secure portions of Independence Square begins at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of 5th and Chestnut Streets.

During the summer season, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell Center may be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (NOTE - The actual hours and the beginning and ending dates may vary from year to year due to available staffing. Check the park's website for up to date information: www.nps.gov/inde.)

Except for the changes listed herein, the Independence Visitor Center is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On **Thanksgiving** only Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell Center are open for public visitation.

On **Christmas Eve**, the park closes at 3:00 p.m.

On **Christmas Day** the park will be closed.

On **New Year's Day** only Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell Center, and the Independence Visitor Center are open for public visitation. Hours of operation may vary.

On **Veteran's Day** only Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell Center, the Independence Visitor Center and the Military Museum are open for public visitation. On these days, the open hours are from 9:00 a.m. (8:30 a.m. for the Independence Visitor Center) to 5:00 p.m.

On **Martin Luther King's Birthday** and on **Presidents' Day** only Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell Center and the Independence Visitor Center are open for public visitation. On these days, the open hours are from 9:00 a.m. (8:30 a.m. for the Independence Visitor Center) to 5:00 p.m.

The City Tavern hours are controlled by the Concessionaire (215-413-1443). Generally it is open from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Edgar Allan Poe NHS is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial is open from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Public access to some park buildings and grounds may be prohibited or restricted for one or more of the following reasons. Access restrictions to buildings and grounds noted in sections B and C below are coded to reference one of the below justifications:

a. Public health and safety
b. Resource protection
c. Staffing limitations
d. Facility, portion of facility or grounds are not designed or intended for public use
e. Security

B. Buildings Public Access

<u>311 - 317 Walnut Street:</u>

- Buildings are closed to the public. (d)
- The architectural study collection is open by appointment only. (c)

<u>319-325 Walnut Street:</u>

- The second and third floors are closed to the public. (d)
- The Independence Park Institute and Independence Archeology Lab (the basement and first floor) are open to the public by reservation only. (c)

<u>339-341 Walnut Street:</u>
This is an office building and is closed to visitation. Persons having business within are permitted to enter. (d)

<u>Benjamin Franklin National Memorial:</u>
This memorial statue is in an area open to the public at no charge; however, the Franklin Institute, within whose buildings it sits, regulates the hours of visitation.

<u>Bishop White House (309 Walnut St.):</u>
Bishop White House is open to the public by guided tour only. Visitors will be instructed as to which portions of the building they may enter. All other areas are closed to the public. (b) (c)

Bond House (129 S. 2nd St.):
The Bond House is a leased building under the Historic Leasing Act and is currently being used as a bed and breakfast Inn. The managers of the Bond House establish closures.

Bookstore (Pemberton House):
The following areas are closed to the public:

- All basement areas. (d)
- The closet and the south storage room, on the first floor. (d)
- All areas above the first floor. (d)

Bringhurst House (5448 Germantown Ave):

- The 1st floor exhibits, theater, gift shop and rest-rooms are open to the public.
- The 2nd floor office space and meeting room and park housing is restricted to NPS staff and park volunteers. (d)
- Park housing is closed to the public. (d)

Carpenter's Hall:
Although located within the boundaries of INDE, Carpenter's Hall is not owned or managed (including closures) by the National Park Service. The building's owners establish closures.

Chilled Water Plant:
All areas are closed to the public. (d)

Christ Church:
Although located within the boundaries of INDE, Christ Church is not owned or managed by the National Park Service. The building's owners establish closures.

City Tavern (138 S. Second St.):

- City Tavern is a restaurant operated by a concessionaire.
- All areas in the basement are closed to the public with the exception of the dining area, stairway and corridor leading to the restrooms and the restrooms themselves. (d)
- All first floor areas are open to the public except: the area behind the bar, the kitchen, the fire stairs (excluding fire emergencies) and all closets. (a) (d)
- All second floor areas are open except: all closets, the kitchen area, and the fire stairway (excluding fire emergencies). (a) (d)
- All areas above the second floor are closed to public visitation with the exceptions of the third floor restrooms, and for persons having business in the third floor office area. (d)

Congress Hall:
The following areas are closed to the public:

- All basement areas and all access ways to said area. (d)
- All closets. (d)
- The area behind the roped off seating area and the raised dais area on the first floor. (b)
- The balcony between the first and second floors and the balcony in the Senate Chamber. (a) (b)
- All areas with the exceptions of the corridor, the Committee Rooms viewing areas and the viewing area in front of the barrier in the Senate Chamber. (b)
- The attic and cupola. (a) (b) (d)

Declaration House:

- All basement areas are closed with the exception of the restrooms (opened upon request). (d)
- On the first floor, all areas are open to the public with the exception of closets, areas behind displays, the area behind the sales counter, and the projection booth in the theater. (b) (d) (e)
- On the second floor all areas are open except: closets, areas behind exhibits, and exhibit rooms. (b)
- All areas above the second floor are closed to the public. (d)
- The area directly west of the building is closed except as an emergency exit. (d)

East Wing of Independence Hall:
The following areas are closed to the public:

- All basement areas and all access ways to it. (d)
- All closets on the first floor. (d)
- All areas above the first floor. (d)

Edgar Allan Poe NHS (530 and 532 N. 7th Streets and the building behind 530 N. 7th St):

- The historic Poe House is open to the public. Visitors will be instructed as to which portions of the building they may enter. All other areas are closed to the public. (a) (b)
- The following areas of 530 and 532 N. Seventh St. are closed to public visitation: the basements of both 530 and 532 with the exception of the public restrooms, the areas west of the restrooms in 530, all closets, storage rooms, the projection room located on the first floor of 530 and 532, and all stairs leading to other levels of the building with the exception of the stairs leading to the restrooms in 530 or stairs used in conjunction with a tour. (a) (b) (d)
- Park housing is closed to the public. (d)

Electric Power Substation, 2nd Block of Independence Mall:
This area is controlled by the Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO). All areas are closed to the public.

First Bank of the United States:
All areas are closed to the public. (a)

First Block Restroom Facility (corner of 5th and Chestnut Streets):
The central service room is closed to the public. (d)

Franklin Court:

- 314 Market Street (Book Store): All areas of this building are closed to public visitation with the exception of the bookstore (when open) on the first floor, the corridor leading to said area and the access to the second floor Postal Museum. Persons having business in the upper floor offices are permitted to enter. (d)
- 316 Market Street (Post Office and Postal Museum): This building is leased to and operated by the U.S. Postal Service. All areas of this building are closed to the public with the following exceptions: the first floor Post Office, (the area behind the sales desk is not open to the public), and the second floor Postal Museum. (d)
- 318 Market Street (Architectural-Archeological Exhibits): All floors of this building are open to the public, only within designated viewing areas. (b)
- 320 Market Street (Print Shop): All areas of this building are closed to the public except the viewing area in front of the railing in the first floor Print Shop. Persons having business in the second floor offices are permitted to enter this area with prior approval of the NPS. The fire tower behind this building is closed to the public except during emergency egress situations. (b) (d)
- 322 Market Street (Book Bindery and Aurora Office): All areas of this building are closed to the public

except the designated public viewing area in the first floor Book Bindery and the corridor alongside the Aurora Office. (b)

- Underground Museum Area: The following areas are open to the public during posted hours: access ramp, restrooms, gallery viewing area, theater, phone and World Stage exhibit areas and the corridors connecting these areas to the exit stairwells. All other areas, including the World Stage and display cases are closed to the public. The Underground Museum is anticipated to close in early 2011 for renovations. (b)

Free Quaker Meeting House:

- Basement, subbasement and balcony areas are closed to the public. (a) (d)
- First floor is open to the public during hours when building is staffed. (c)

Germantown White House (Deshler-Morris House, 5442 Germantown Ave):
Open to the public Wednesday - Sunday 12PM - 4PM, April through mid - December (other times by appointment). The following areas are closed to the public: all basement and access ways to said area, closets on the first and second floors, areas behind the ropes on the first and second floors, and third floor and access ways to said area.(b) (c)

Gloria Dei Church:
Although located within the boundaries of INDE, Gloria Dei Church is not owned or managed by the National Park Service. The building's owners establish closures.

Independence Hall:
Independence Hall is open by tour only. The following areas are closed to the public:

- All basement areas. (d)
- All closets. (d)
- The area behind the railings in the Supreme Court Chamber and Assembly Room on the first floor. (b)
- The area behind the railings in the Governors Council Chamber and Committee Room on the 2nd floor. (b)
- The attic and tower, levels 2 through 7, and the access ways to said area. (a) (b) (d)

Independence Park Institute:
The IPI learning spaces are open to the public by reservation only. (c)

Independence Visitor Center:

- All basement areas exclusive of the parking garage are closed to the public. (d)
- All closets, storerooms, mechanical/electrical rooms, equipment areas between exhibits, fire stairs (except in an emergency) and areas behind the information/sales desks and coffee bar counter, on the first floor are closed to the public. (a) (d) (e)
- Theaters, not in use, are also closed to the public. (a) (e)
- The NPS special exhibit area may be closed periodically for exhibit work/installation. (a)
- All areas on the second floor and all areas above the second floor with the exception of the stairs leading to the pre-assembly mezzanine and terraces are closed to the public (terraces may be closed for special event use). Persons having business in the second floor office area are permitted to enter. (d)
- The Independence Visitor Center roof terrace/balcony may be closed to the public during parades or large public gatherings. (a)
- Dining table occupancy is not to exceed two (2) hours.
- Purposely using any part of the facility (IVC) for the express purpose of sleeping is prohibited.

Underground Parking Garage and Great Room (2nd Block of Independence Mall):
This area is leased to and controlled by the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA). The PPA regulates closures and hours of operation. The NPS storage area within the garage is closed to the public.

Leithgow Street Buildings (230 and 232 Leithgow St.):
These are Park Residences. All areas are closed to the public. (d)

Liberty Bell Center:
All areas of the building are closed to public visitation except the exhibit areas on the first floor and the multimedia room for special programs. (d)

Locust Street Buildings (408, 410, 413, 415, 421 and 423 Locust St.):
These are Park Residences. All areas are closed to the public. (d)

Maintenance Facility (275 S. Fifth St.):
The maintenance building is closed to the public. Persons having business within the facility are permitted to enter. (d)

Military Museum (New Hall):
The following areas are closed to the public:

- All basement areas, with the exception of the public restrooms and the stairway and hallway leading to them. (d)
- Areas behind exhibits on the first floor. (b)
- All closets, areas behind exhibits, and rooms not containing exhibits, on the second floor. (b) (d)
- All areas above the second floor. (d)

National Constitution Center / Independence Transportation Center / Third Block Underground Parking Garage:
Although located within the boundaries and owned by the National Park Service, it is not managed by INDE. The building's managers establish closures.

Old City Hall:
The following areas are closed to the public:

- All basement areas and all access ways to it. (d)
- All closets. (d)
- The area behind the rail in the Supreme Court Chamber, on the first floor. (b)
- The balcony between the first and second floors. (a) (b)
- All second floor areas and the stairway to it. Persons having business in the second floor offices are permitted to enter this area with prior approval of the NPS. (d)
- Attic and cupola. (a) (b) (d)

Parking Garage and Associated Shops and Theater (Second Street):
This area is leased to and controlled by the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA). The PPA and or its subleases regulate closures and hours of operation.

Philadelphia Merchants Exchange (Park Headquarters):
Offices are closed to the public. Persons having business within are permitted to enter. A visitor exhibit area on the first floor is open to the public during business hours (8 am – 4:30 pm). (d)

Philosophical Hall and Library Hall:
Although located within the boundaries of INDE, these American Philosophical Society Buildings are not managed (including closures) by the National Park Service.

Second Bank of the United States:
All areas other than the portrait gallery, public restrooms and the handicap accessible entrance to the gallery are closed to the public. (b) (d)

St. George's Church:
Although located within the boundaries of INDE, St. George's Church is not owned or managed by the National Park Service. The building's owners establish closures.

St. Joseph's Church:
Although located within the boundaries of INDE, St. Joseph's Church is not owned or managed by the National Park Service. The building's owners establish closures.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial:

- In the basement all areas are closed with the exception of the public restrooms and the corridor leading to them. (d)
- On the first floor all areas are open to the public with the exception of closets, and the area behind the information desk. (e)
- On the second floor all areas are open to the public with the exception of closets, the projection booth in the theater, and the enclosed exhibit area. (b)
- All areas above the second floor are closed to the public. (d)

Todd House:
Todd House is open to the public by guided tour only. Visitors will be instructed as to which portions of the building they may enter by park staff giving the tour. All other areas are closed to the public. (b) (c)

Washington Square Structures:
All structures in Washington Square are closed to the public. (d)

West Wing of Independence Hall:
The first floor is open to the public. The following areas are closed:

- All basement areas and all access ways to it. (d)
- All closets on the first floor. (d)
- All areas above the first floor. (d)

NOTES:

- Due to the heightened security, access to the Liberty Bell Center, the northern most half of Independence Square including Independence Hall, East and West Wings, and Congress Hall is restricted. Prior to entry, visitors must be screened.
- Security measures are periodically evaluated and may change at the discretion of park management.
- Because of these changes and other special activities which may occur at any time, it may be necessary to revise this section on short notice. In all cases the public will be given as much notice of these changes as possible.
- All roof areas and building components not designed for visitor use are closed to the public.

C. Grounds and Public Access

All grounds areas within the established boundaries of Independence National Historical Park are open to the public on a 24-hour per day basis except as listed below:

- All construction staging areas are closed to the public. These areas are fenced with green painted plywood, chain link or orange snow fencing. (a) (e)
- The Jefferson Garden area north of Library Hall is managed by the American Philosophical Society and it closed to the public.
- The grounds area directly behind the Todd House and 339 Walnut Street offices bounded on the north by the south sidewalk of Harmony St. is closed to the public between midnight and 5:00 a.m. (a) (b) (e)
- The 18th Century Garden located west of 325 Walnut Street is closed to the public whenever the gates are closed. (a) (b)
- The areas behind the fences located directly behind the Bishop White House, 313 Walnut Street and 325 Walnut Street are closed to the public. (a) (b)
- The Benjamin Rush Garden located just east of the Bishop White House is closed to the public whenever the gates are closed. (a) (b)
- The St. Joseph's Church grounds located on the southeast corner of 4th and Walnut Streets are closed to the public whenever the gates are closed. (a) (b)
- The St. George's Church grounds located behind St. George's Church are closed to the public whenever the gates are closed. (a) (b)
- The Franklin Court Courtyard is closed to the public whenever the gates are closed. (a) (b)
- The Declaration House Courtyard is closed to the public whenever the gates are closed. The grounds area immediately to the west of the Declaration House is closed to the public at all times except for emergency egress.(a) (b)
- The grounds at the Germantown White House (Deshler-Morris and Bringhurst Houses) are closed to the public whenever the buildings are closed and open at other times by tour only. (a) (b) (c)
- The Gloria Dei grounds are closed from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (a) (b)
- The Christ Church grounds and Garden are closed to the public whenever the gates are closed (a) (b)
- The grounds areas behind 230 and 232 Leithgow St. and 413, 415, 421 and 423 Locust St. are closed to the public. (d)
- The parking area north of 230 Leithgow St. is closed to the public and is for NPS residence parking only. (d)
- The parking area west of 423 Locust St. is closed to the public. (d)
- The Rose Garden located between Walnut and Locust Streets in the 400 block is closed to the public whenever the gates are closed. (a) (b)
- The grounds behind 408 and 410 Locust St. are closed to the public. (d)
- The Magnolia Garden in the 400 block of Locust St. is closed to the public whenever the gates are closed. (a) (b)
- The Maintenance Facility courtyard is closed to the public. (d)
- The Poe House grounds located just west of Seventh Street, between Spring Garden and Green Streets, are closed to the public except when admitted by the Poe House Staff. (a) (b) (c)
- The City Tavern grounds are closed to the public from the close of business to 5:00 a.m. (a) (b)
- The storage area immediately north of the Bond House is closed to the public. (d)
- The grounds area of the Mikveh Israel Cemetery located between 8th and Darian Streets, and between Spruce and Locust Streets are closed to the public except when admitted by a person designated by the Mikveh Israel Trust. (a) (b) (c)
- All fountains are closed to the public. (a) (d)
- The parking area west of the Christ Church Garden is closed to the public, except during church

services. (d)

- For safety reasons, the following streets located within the park boundaries are closed to vehicular traffic, except for authorized administrative use, or unless a special permit has been issued by the Superintendent:
    a. The access road located behind Congress Hall.
    b. Library St., located behind the Second Bank of the United States, running east from 5th St.
    c. The access road leading to Carpenters' Hall.
    d. Harmony St., located north of Walnut St. and south of Chestnut St., running from 4th to 3rd Streets.
    e. Orianna St., running from the gates of Franklin Court on Market St. to said areas intersection with Harmony St. to the south.
    f. Dock St., located north of Walnut St. and south of Chestnut St., running from 3rd St. to Walnut St.
    g. Sansom St., located north of Walnut St. and south of Chestnut St., running from 2nd St., east to said areas intersection with Hancock St.
    h. Church St., located north of Market St. and south of Filbert St., running from American St. to 2nd St.
    i. Moravian St., located north of Walnut St. and south of Chestnut St., running from its intersection with Dock St. to 2nd St.

II. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

§2.1(b) Visitors and pets are prohibited from entering flower or ground cover beds.

§2.1(c)(1) The gathering of fallen fruit from the ginkgo trees throughout the park is permitted. Fruit still on the tree may not be picked.

Engaging in sports activity is prohibited if it reasonably could endanger other park users, or if the activity is damaging resources, i.e., turf areas.

§2.4 - WEAPONS, TRAPS AND NETS

Visitors may possess firearms within a national park unit provided they comply with federal, state, and local laws. The role of the responsible gun owner is to know and obey the federal, state, and local laws appropriate to the park they are visiting. Federal law prohibits firearms in certain park facilities and buildings. These places are marked with signs at public entrances.

§2.4(a)(2)(iii) Employees living in Government housing are permitted to possess weapons (within their residence) without a permit. Such possession must be in accordance with State and local laws.

§2.4(d)(3) The carrying or possessing of a weapon by an employee, agent or cooperating official, outside of their legal jurisdiction, except as provided elsewhere in 36 CFR §2.4, without a National Park Service (NPS) permit is prohibited.

§2.10 - CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

§2.10(a) Camping is prohibited in all areas within the park. Camping is defined as the use of park land for living accommodation activities such as sleeping, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping) or storing personal belongings or making any fire or using any tent or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants conducting these activities are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging. This policy is not intended to prohibit eating and other traditional picnicking activities in areas designated for picnicking.

§2.11 - PICNICKING

Picnicking is allowed subject to the following restrictions:

- Only incidental, i.e., in conjunction with a visit to the park buildings, picnicking is allowed.
- The consumption of "brown bag" lunches by workers from surrounding offices is allowed.
- The setting up of tables, chairs, etc. in conjunction with picnicking is prohibited.
- Picnicking by park residents is allowed within the confines of their yards.

§2.12 - AUDIO DISTURBANCES

§2.12(a)(1)(ii) In order to prevent audio amplification systems from interfering with visitor use activities, and park neighbors, the Park has established an audio disturbance guideline to govern the volume of audio systems used in conjunction with public gatherings or special events for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.. Audio amplification that interferes with visitor use activities such as interpretive talks or makes

noise which is unreasonably disruptive, considering the nature and purpose of the actor's conduct, location, time of day or night, purpose for which the area was established, impact on park users, and other factors that would govern the conduct of a reasonably prudent person under the circumstances, is prohibited.

§2.13 - FIRES

- §2.13(a)(1) Lighting or maintaining a fire is prohibited; i.e., any type of open fire, other than a match or lighter, including, but not limited to, burning of flags and effigies, campfires, charcoal fires, propane stoves, Coleman stoves, candles, etc., except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51 which specifically authorizes such activity under the special conditions section of the permit. This restriction applies to all NPS operated interior and exterior areas.
- Electric or other kitchen stoves that are park owned or are controlled through cooperative agreements are exempted from this prohibition.
- §2.13(a)(1) Park residents are exempted from the prohibition against using charcoal fires, propane stoves and Coleman stoves within the confines of their yards and the use of birthday candles within their residences.

§ 2.14 SANITATION AND REFUSE

The following is prohibited: § 2.14 (a) (5) Bathing, or washing food, clothing, dishes, or other property at public water outlets, fixtures or pools, except at those designated for such purpose.

§2.15 - PETS

§2.15(a)(1) All park buildings are closed to pets, except:

> §2.15(a)(1) and (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to service animals (of any species) which have been trained to assist impaired or handicapped persons, or, to dogs used by authorized federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in performance of their official duties.

§2.15(e) The keeping of pets by residents in park housing is permitted subject to the provisions of a separate Housing Management Plan.

§2.15(2) Pets must be restrained on a leash which shall not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise physically confined at all times.

§2.15(a)(3) Leaving a pet unattended and/or tied to an object is prohibited.

§2.15(a)(5) The following pet excrement disposal conditions are established:
Any person having possession, custody or control of any dog or other animal that defecates in any area of the park shall be required to immediately remove the feces and either:

- Remove the feces from park property, or
- Place the feces in a non-leaking container for deposit in a trash or litter receptacle.

§2.17 - AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY

§2.17(a)(1) Operating or using aircraft on lands or waters other than at locations designated pursuant to special regulations is prohibited.

§2.17(a)(3) Delivering or retrieving a person or object by parachute, helicopter, or other airborne means, except in emergencies involving public safety or serious property loss is prohibited.

§2.18 - SNOWMOBILES
§2.18(c) The use of snowmobiles is prohibited.

§2.20 - SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES
Using roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, roller skis, or similar devices on any park property is prohibited.

§2.21 - SMOKING
§2.21(a) Smoking is prohibited in all park buildings including single-family government residences.

§2.22 - PROPERTY
§2.22(b) (2) Leaving property unattended, for **ANY** period of time, in or near any park building or resource is prohibited. Property left unattended in violation of this condition may be considered dangerous or threatening to park resources and may be impounded for inspection. Such an inspection may be destructive.

§2.35 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
§2.35(a)(3)(i) The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all park buildings and on all park grounds, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to **§**2.50 or **§**2.51, which specifically authorizes such consumption, or as otherwise authorized herein. The following park buildings are exempted from this provision as described below:

- Independence Visitor Center – During events approved through the Independence Visitor Center Corporation.
- National Constitution Center.
- City Tavern - Patrons of the City Tavern may purchase and consume alcoholic beverages on City Tavern grounds.
- Residents of government quarters may consume alcoholic beverages within their residences or confines of their yards.
- Bond House - Guests may consume alcoholic beverages.
- Independence Mall Café and immediate grounds.

§2.37 - SOLICITING
The Superintendent may issue a permit to accept donations in conjunction with a permitted special event or public assembly (36 CFR 2.37). Consideration for such authorization will only be extended to those entities properly qualifying as and providing proof of 501 (c) (3) status under the Internal Revenue Service guidelines. The donor may not receive anything in exchange for making a donation. For example, the donor may not receive merchandise, gain entry into an event, or be allowed participation in an activity in exchange for required donation.

§2.38 - EXPLOSIVES
§2.38(b) Using or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued by the Superintendent and in accordance with applicable state and federal law, city ordinances and NPS directives.

§2.62 - MEMORIALIZATION
The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

36 CFR §4. - VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY
4.10 Travel on Park Roads and Designated Routes

- Parking in the park is prohibited at all times, except by special permit or for authorized use.

- No vehicles should be driven within 20' of park buildings unless the building has a specifically designed vehicle-loading bay.
- **Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMD)**
  Segways and other brands of EPAMD are considered motor vehicles as defined under 36 C.F.R. § 1.4. Therefore, pursuant to 36 CFR § 1.5(a), 4.10(a) the **Park will not allow the recreational** use of Segways and other EPAMD within the park including sidewalks, lawns and buildings. Use by NPS or City of Philadelphia emergency or law enforcement personnel is permitted. However, **disabled visitors are permitted to use Segways or other EPAMD** in the park on sidewalks, paths and on the ground floor (or floors reached by an elevator) of park buildings when such devices are used for the sole purpose of mobility assistance. Visitors who do not have substantial mobility limitations, as defined below, are not allowed to use Segways or EPAMD in the park. Visitors who are unable to navigate staircase, may make use of "accessibility photo albums" developed by the interpretive staff.

  The use of Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices must adhere to the following:

  a) Only visitors with a substantial mobility limitation in accordance with Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and as defined in 43 CFR Part 17, Subpart E are covered.

  b) Users of a Segway (or other EPAMD) as a mobility assistance device must display a blue and white disabled plaque. These may be obtained at the NPS desk in the Independence Visitor Center. Visitors requesting the disabled plaque may use their park Access pass to demonstrate need, or sign the "Statement of Disability" form affirming their need for the mobility device.

  c) Visitors using a Segway or other EPAMD, without a disabled plaque may be approached by a Law Enforcement Ranger who will verify that the device is being used for mobility assistance by a person who meets the criteria in (a) as well as offering any other special assistance. If the user does not meet the above criteria, he/she will be asked to dismount and exit the park.

  d) The visitor must operate the mobility assisted device in a safe and responsible manner; **maximum speed is 6 mph** (beginner speed). A slower speed of 3 mph is recommended when operating in areas with other visitors or in buildings.

  e) Tires must be "commuter" tires or similar, not ATV tires.

  f) The park follows Segway's recommendation that users be at least 16 years old.

  g) Visitors riding an EPAMD or Segway on a sidewalk or while crossing a street in a crosswalk have the same rights as pedestrians, except that the EPAMD operator must always yield to pedestrians. Elevator use is the only exception –EPAMD users will enter first, to allow time to park and secure the device and will be the last to exit.

  h) Until we have further experience with visitors using Segways or EPAMD, there is no restriction on the number who may go on a tour or in a building at one time.

4.11 Load Weight and Size Limits

All vehicles over 10,000 lbs. are prohibited from driving / parking on flagstone and cobblestone paving until surface protection consisting of 2" of foam in between 2 layers of 3/4" plywood has been laid along the entire route.

4.30 Bicycles

- Bicycles are prohibited from being ridden on all park sidewalks, benches, stairs, walks and park roads/alleys, with the exception of emergency response personnel.
- Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians.
- Bicycles may be left unattended only in a bicycle rack (see 36 CFR §2.22(b) (2) Abandoned Property).

III. SPECIAL PARK USES (36 CFR §2.50 - SPECIAL EVENTS; 36 CFR §2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES)

A special park use is defined as an activity that takes place in a park area and that: provides a benefit to an individual, group, or organization rather than the public at large; requires written authorization and some degree of management control from the Service in order to protect park resources and the public interest; is not prohibited by law or regulation; is not initiated, sponsored, or conducted by the Service; and is not managed under a concession contract, a recreation activity for which the NPS charges a fee, or a lease.

A special park use may be permitted only if the activity has been judged by the Superintendent not to cause any derogation of the values and purposes for which the park was established, unless directly and specifically authorized by Federal law.

Each request to engage in a special park use or to renew authorization of an existing use will be reviewed and evaluated by the Superintendent according to the terms of applicable legislation, regulations, guidelines, and management planning documents, using criteria and procedures outlined in the Special Park Uses Guideline (DO/RM-53). Initial or renewal requests to conduct an activity will be denied if the Superintendent determines that the activity:

- has the potential to cause injury or damage to park resources
- unreasonably impairs the atmosphere of peace and tranquility of historic or commemorative locations in the park
- will result in significant conflict with other existing uses
- will substantially impair operation of public facilities or the services of NPS concessioners or contractors
- will conflict with law or policy
- will be in derogation of the values and purposes for which the Park was established
- will be inconsistent with the Park's enabling legislation
- has reasonable potential to cause illness, personal injury, or property damage
- will unduly interfere with normal park operations, resource protection, or visitor use.

Additionally, a permit request will be denied in the following situations:

- A prior application for a permit for the same time and place has been made that has been or will be granted and the activities authorized by that permit do not reasonably allow multiple occupancy of that particular area; or
- The event is of such a nature or duration that it cannot reasonably be accommodated in the particular location applied for, considering such things as damage to park resources or facilities, impairment of a protected area's atmosphere of peace and tranquility, interference with program activities, or impairment of public use facilities.

The National Park Service will also terminate any activity subsequent to finding that any of the above conditions exist.

To the extent authorized by applicable legislation, regulations, and policies, the National Park Service will establish and collect appropriate permit fees for special park uses and will seek reimbursement from permittees for NPS costs incurred in administering the permit and monitoring the activities it authorizes.

A. 36 CFR §2.50 - SPECIAL EVENTS

1. A Permit is required to hold a SPECIAL EVENT within the boundaries of Independence National Historical Park.

Independence National Historical Park represents a unique national resource associated with the birth and growth of the nation. All proposals for special events will be evaluated for:

- consistency with applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies;
- consistency with the existing plans for public use and resource management;
- actual and potential effects on park resources and values;
- total costs to the Service; and
- whether the public interest will be served.

Additionally, when considering requests to hold special events such as parades, meetings, entertainments, exhibitions, fairs, festivals, lectures, conferences, etc. the Superintendent will be guided by CFR 36 Parts 1 and 2, Director's Order #53 and the Management Policies for the National Park Service issued in August 2006.

The National Park Service will not permit the staging of special events that are conducted primarily for the material or financial benefit of participants, that involve commercialization, advertising, or publicity by participants, or for which a separate public admission fee is to be charged, unless the event is directly related to the purposes for which a park was established.

Further, the Superintendent will consider the following factors before approving a special event:

- The location requested.
- Public safety considerations.
- The time of year requested.
- Park visitation at the time of the proposed event.
- The duration of the proposed event.
- The size (number of participants and/or observers) of the proposed event and associated equipment.
- The effect of the proposed event on resources, operations, and the mission of the park.
- Other, previously approved events.

The primary concern of the Superintendent is the effect of the proposed event on the cultural and natural resources and the impact on normal visitor operations and the visitor experience. It may be possible to accommodate events at certain locations only before or after the public hours of the building. It may also be necessary to limit the size and or duration of the proposed event to a small number of participants/observers or a shorter length of time in order not to interfere with public use or threaten the historical and natural resources of the park.

The Superintendent has established the following criteria to insure the protection and preservation of the historic and natural resources of the park and to protect the rights of the visitor to enjoy their visit to the park with minimum impact from special events or activities:

- Most daytime special events will be limited to outdoors. Those events which are permitted inside a public use building during public hours, will be limited in duration and must not unduly interfere with visitor use.
- Scheduled meetings or events will be open to the public insofar as it is practical / consistent with the event.

- Displays and exhibits must be attended at all times. "Attended" is defined as an agent of the permit holder being in close proximity to the display or exhibit.
- The permittee will be responsible for reimbursing the National Park Service for all expenses incurred by the park in the course of the special event. These expenses include, but are not limited to the cost of utilities and the cost of park personnel involved with the permit. In addition fees may be charged for the use of a facility based on current NPS management policy.
- The permittee may be required to provide proof of insurance, naming the United States of America as an additional insured, or to secure a performance bond based on the nature of the event, the complexity of the event, the potential risk to life or property and the need to insure compliance with the terms and conditions of a permit.
- Permit applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis determined by the date a signed application is received in the special events office, except for the provision stated below. A permit application may be denied if a permit has been previously issued to another group for the same time and/or place, or the application fails to meet any of the above criteria.
- Since certain resources within the park are owned by the City of Philadelphia, the City shall be given special consideration in the use of those lands for special events.

Surveying of park visitors requires a permit approved by the park Superintendent. Surveyors may not survey visitors inside of park buildings or in any of the areas closed to public assemblies. The park staff should review a draft of the survey instrument and sampling plan.

- Researchers are required to provide copies of the survey instrument and accompanying materials along with the permit application. The survey form should clearly state that the NPS is not sponsoring the information collection.
- Researchers should make it clear to potential respondents that participation in the survey is completely voluntary and that responses will be kept confidential.
- Personal contact information and data from respondents should be used for no other purpose than the specific research project covered by the research permit.

2. INDIVIDUAL BUILDING/SITE CRITERIA

Additional criteria have been developed for individual buildings and sites within the park that invoke special concerns due to fragile historic or natural resources, or the increased probability of disruption to normal visitor activities, due to high visitation. These criteria are listed under specific buildings and sites below.

Note: Where a maximum number of people is specified the number is generally based upon the occupancy limit as calculated using the Life Safety Code, but in some cases where the number of people allowed using the Life Safety Code was felt to be too high to provide for the adequate protection of the resource a lower number was specified based on the professional judgment of the park staff. These numbers apply to special events and are absolute totals and include participants, caterers, park staff, etc. and may not be exceeded.

INDEPENDENCE HALL - FIRST FLOOR:

Because of the potential to cause damage to the resource and unreasonably interfere with interpretation, visitor services, or other program activities, special events are limited to those which meet the following criteria:

- The NPS is a sponsor or co-sponsor of the event, or
- The event is sponsored by a park partner, government agency or accredited educational institution, has a substantial and direct association with the events which took place in Independence Hall, and does not unreasonably interfere with visitor services or interpretive programs.

INDEPENDENCE HALL - SECOND FLOOR (LONG GALLERY):
The primary purpose of the second floor of Independence Hall is to provide visitors with the opportunity to view and experience this restored and refurnished area of the building. This purpose will take precedence over all other activities. Because of the potential to cause damage to the resource and unreasonably interfere with interpretation, visitor services, or other program activities, special events are not, except as noted below, permitted to take place on the second floor of Independence Hall. The Superintendent may consider other activities as long as they do not interfere with the primary purpose and do not endanger the historic structure and its fragile, irreplaceable furnishings. Activities and functions that might be considered must conform to the following criteria:

- The event is sponsored or co-sponsored by the NPS, or
- The activity is recognized by the Secretary of the Interior (including those given by the President and Vice President of the United States and ceremonies honoring foreign dignitaries of the rank of Ambassador or above), or
- The annual meeting of the Descendents of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.
- No food or drink will be served.
- Attendance will be limited to 85 people.

INDEPENDENCE HALL TOWER AND/OR RINGING THE CENTENNIAL BELL:
Because tower access poses a clear and present danger to the public health and safety, requests for access to the above space or permission to ring the Centennial Bell shall meet the following criteria to receive consideration:

- Permission to ring the Centennial Bell is limited to Independence Hall Bell Ringers or qualified NPS staff.
- Events for which the Centennial Bell is rung must be directly associated with the interpretive focus of the park and/or requested through a federal proclamation.

The following restrictions apply to the use of the tower and/or ringing the Centennial Bell:

- A maximum number of ten (10) people are allowed in the tower at any one time, including National Park Service personnel.
- No one under the age of 13 is permitted in the tower.
- No one with a heart condition is permitted in the tower. No one with a condition that would impede exiting in an emergency situation is allowed.
- Individuals given permission to enter the tower, above Level 5 may be required to sign a liability waiver.
- Bell ringing and tower access is prohibited during construction work on the tower.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE:
Historically, this area always included walks and greens for public enjoyment. The area now known as Independence Square was last redesigned in 1915 and is designated an historic landscape. The Square is elevated above the level of city streets and thus retains its unique colonial character. As such, the area is reserved as contemplative and quiet space. The Square also contains a secure zone for the searching and queuing of visitors and thus, for security reasons, the area around the secure zone must remain free of large public gatherings. Special events in this area are minimized to preserve the atmosphere of peace and tranquility and to avoid unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services or other program activities. Requests for activities and special events to be held in the above space shall meet one or more of the following criteria to receive consideration:

- The National Park Service sponsors or co-sponsors the event, or
- The event is sponsored by a government agency and has a direct association with the events that occurred on the Square, or

- The event involves the appearance of the President or Vice President of the United States in an official capacity, or
- The event celebrates Independence Day either in compliance with a congressional resolution or by sponsorship by a government agency, or
- The event has a continuous history of taking place on the Square predating the creation of the park. These events include but are not limited to:
    - George Washington Birthday wreath laying ceremony sponsored by the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America.
    - George Washington birthday ceremony sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution.
    - The Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony sponsored by the Grand Army of the Republic (Sons of Union veterans of the Civil War)
    - The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick who have held ceremonies at the Barry Statue.
    - United States Marine Corp flag raising ceremony conducted on November 10 to commemorate the birthday of the USMC

WEST WING INDEPENDENCE HALL (1st FLOOR GREAT ESSENTIALS EXHIBIT):
In order to minimize the potential for injury or damage to the resource and to preclude unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services or other program activities, special events are not permitted to take place in the Great Essentials Exhibit area.

WEST WING INDEPENDENCE HALL (VIP ROOM):
In order to minimize the potential for damage to the resource and to preclude unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services or other program activities, use of this space shall be restricted to the following:

- Guests of the park Superintendent.
- As a gathering place for participants involved in the City of Philadelphia's Independence Day ceremony.
- The annual meeting of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (traditional).
- Events involving food and/or drink will be considered. Any cooking must be confined to the kitchen area. No open flame, including sterno, will be permitted.
- All permitted activities will be limited to a maximum of 25 people.

CONGRESS HALL (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBER):
In order to minimize the potential for damage to the resource and to preclude unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services or other program activities, requests for activities and special events to be held in the above space shall meet the following criteria to receive consideration:

- Events sponsored by government agencies, or for high-level symposia consistent with the mission of the park.
- No food or drink will be served.
- The event must be directly associated with the interpretive focus of the building, and must further the mission of the park.
- Attendance will be limited to 150 people.

CONGRESS HALL (SENATE CHAMBER):
In order to minimize the potential for injury or damage to the resource and to preclude unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services or other program activities, special events are not permitted in the Senate Chamber.

OLD CITY HALL:
In order to minimize the potential for damage to the resource and to preclude unreasonable interference with

interpretation, visitor services or other program activities, requests for activities and special events to be held in the above space shall meet the following criteria to receive consideration:

- Events sponsored by other government agencies.
- No food or drink will be served.
- The event must be directly associated with the interpretive focus of the building, and must further the mission of the park
- Attendance will be limited to 70 people. This is subject to revision pending security measure changes.

FIRST BANK OF THE UNITED STATES:
In order to prevent injury or damage to the resource and avoid unreasonable interference with the administrative activities of the National Park Service, special events are limited to those in which The National Park Service sponsors or co-sponsors the event.

PARK HEADQUARTERS (MEB CONFERENCE ROOMS):
In order to avoid unreasonable interference with the administrative activities of the National Park Service, and to prevent damage to park resources, requests for the use of the above space shall meet the following criteria to receive consideration:

- Activities sponsored by other government agencies.
- Events involving food and/or drink will be considered. No cooking will be permitted.
- All permitted activities are limited to a maximum of 35 persons for the main 2nd floor conference and training rooms of Park Headquarters and 20 for the secondary 2nd floor conference room.

LIBERTY BELL CENTER (INTERIOR):
The Liberty Bell is one of this country's most popular and treasured symbols. For this reason it is important that the Liberty Bell remain available for public viewing, unencumbered by special events. In order to minimize the potential for damage to the resource and to preclude unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services or other program activities, events must meet at least one of the following criteria to be considered to be conducted in the Liberty Bell Center:

- Military reenlistment, promotion, retirement, change of command and commissioning ceremonies.
- Events sponsored or co-sponsored by the NPS.
- Wreath layings by foreign heads of state.
- Events sponsored by State or local tourism agencies.
- The following commemorative ceremonies that have traditionally taken place in the Center for a number of years, providing there is not a lapse of 2 or more years:
    - Independence Day National Bell Tapping (Let Freedom Ring) ceremony sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution.
    - Martin Luther King Day ceremony sponsored by the Philadelphia Martin Luther King Association for Nonviolence.
    - Annual Freedom Day Ceremony sponsored by the National Freedom Day Association.

The Liberty Bell Chamber is restricted to 125 persons.

FIRST BLOCK INDEPENDENCE MALL: (Bounded north by Market St., east by 5th St., and south by Chestnut St. and west by 6th St.)

The First Block area is divided into sections in accordance with proximity to the major program areas of the Park to avoid interference with operations, programming, and pedestrian traffic. In the area east of the Liberty Bell Center and west of the 5th Street sidewalk:

- North of the Ranstead Street divider – permits will be issued, in accordance with the criteria in this

compendium, for one or more groups, up to a total 1500 people.

- South of the Ranstead Street divider to the diagonal walk running across the mall between the restrooms and the Liberty Bell building sidewalk – permits will be issued, in accordance with the criteria in this compendium, for one or more groups, up to a total of 10 people. As this area is close to operations in the Liberty Bell Chamber and Independence Hall and to the line entering the Liberty Bell Center, no amplification will be permitted here.

- South of the diagonal walk running across the mall between the restrooms and the Liberty Bell building sidewalk to the bollards north of the Chestnut Street sidewalk – permits will be issued, in accordance with the criteria in this compendium, for one or more groups, up to a total of 5 people. As this area is close to operations in the Liberty Bell Chamber and Independence Hall and to the line entering the Liberty Bell building, no amplification will be permitted here. In this area, which is frequently used by groups and tourists for tours and for photographing the George Washing statue and Independence Hall, there are no signs permitted.

- South of the bollards to the Chestnut Street curb. This area is heavily trafficked by tours and pedestrians, is used as a photography site for the George Washington statue and Independence Hall, has historical information engraved in the sidewalk, and contains a viewshed between the Liberty Bell chamber and Independence Hall. This sidewalk is also hemmed in by security bollards, is used by crowds exiting the Liberty Bell building, and has corners in constant pedestrian use which must remain clear for safe street crossing. No obstruction of the Chestnut Street sidewalk is permitted. In this area, permits will be issued, in accordance with the criteria in this compendium, up to a total of 3 people. Signs may be carried but must be no bigger than three feet by two feet and must be kept in motion by persons transiting through the park. No stationary signs or demonstrations are permitted. As this area is close to operations in the Liberty Bell Chamber and Independence Hall building, no amplification will be permitted here. No one may stand closer than 12 feet to any corner pedestrian crossing.

The carrying capacities cited above are subject to change and may be increased or decreased depending upon conditions affecting use of the sites including, but not limited to, staging and equipment on the site, the volume of park visitors, weather conditions, and security and safety concerns.

In order to minimize the potential for damage to the resource and to preclude unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services or other program activities, special events in the area south of Ranstead Street or at the President's House Commemorative Site are limited to:

- Events in which the NPS is the sponsor or co-sponsor
- Events associated with the City of Philadelphia's Independence Day ceremony
- Events sponsored by city or state tourism agencies which promote the mission of the NPS
- Commemorative events that have a meaningful association with the historic resource.

The landscaping design plan for Blocks 1 and 2 of Independence Mall was principled around the intent of maintaining an unobstructed view shed between the National Constitution Center and Independence Hall. In support of this plan a height restriction of 15' is imposed on all temporary structures and displays on the Mall. The superintendent may grant exceptions to temporary structures or displays that are situated outside the view shed.

SECOND BLOCK (INDEPENDENCE MALL: (Bounded north by Arch St., east by 5th St., south by Market St., and west by 6th St.)

The landscaping design plan for Blocks 1 and 2 of Independence Mall was principled around the intent of maintaining an unobstructed view shed between the National Constitution Center and Independence Hall. In support of this plan a height restriction of 15' is imposed on all temporary structures and displays on the Mall. The superintendent may grant exceptions to temporary structures or displays that are situated outside the view shed.

In order to minimize the potential for damage to the resource and to preclude unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services or other program activities, requests for activities and special events to be held in the above space shall meet the following criteria to receive consideration:

- The activity is directly associated with the interpretive focus of the park, or
- The event furthers the mission of the park, or
- The event is sponsored or co-sponsored by the NPS, a park partner, organizations with cooperative agreements with the NPS, educational institutions, official State or City tourism agencies or other government entities (i.e. City, State or Federal), and
- The event provides an opportunity for appropriate public use, enjoyment and recreation consistent with the protection of park resources and the mission of the NPS.

The event will not exceed the Block's carrying capacity of 4,500 people. The carrying capacity is subject to change and may be increased or decreased depending upon conditions affecting use of the site including, but not limited to, staging and equipment on the site, the volume of park visitors, weather conditions, and security and safety concerns.

INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER:
Special events within the building are regulated by the Independence Visitor Center Corporation in coordination with Independence National Historical Park.

FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE:
In order to minimize the potential for damage, special events and activities will be limited to the following:

- Events sponsored or co-sponsored by the NPS
- Events sponsored by Historic Philadelphia Inc. (Once Upon a Nation)
- The annual meeting of the Society of Free Quakers

THIRD BLOCK - INDEPENDENCE MALL: (Bounded north by Race St., east by 5th St., south by Arch St., and west by 6th St.)
Special events within the building will be regulated by the National Constitution Center. In order to avoid unreasonable interference with visitor services and enjoyment and to prevent damage to the grass area on the South entrance to the National Constitution Center, special events in this area will be limited to those which are sponsored or co-sponsored by the NCC, the City of Philadelphia or the NPS and which further the mission of the NCC and the NPS.

FRANKLIN COURT UNDERGROUND MUSEUM:
In order to avoid damage to park resources and unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services and other program activities requests for special events to be held in the above space shall meet the following criteria to receive consideration:

- The event must be directly associated with the interpretive focus of the site, and further the mission of the park.
- Events sponsored by the NPS, organizations with cooperative agreements with the NPS, or other government entities (i.e. City, State or Federal).
- Events, including any set-up, will take place after the public hours of the site.
- Attendance will be limited to 230 people.

- Food and drink may not be served in the museum area. No cooking or open flame, including sterno, will be permitted.

FRANKLIN COURTYARD:
In order to avoid damage to park resources, unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services and other program activities requests for special events to be held in the above space shall meet the following criteria to receive consideration:

- The event must be directly associated with the interpretive focus of the site, and further the mission of the park.
- Events sponsored by the NPS, organizations with cooperative agreements with the NPS, or other government entities (i.e. City, State or Federal).
- Should the event conflict with visitor use of the courtyard it will be scheduled to take place after public hours of the site.

MARKET STREET HOUSES:
In order to prevent injury or damage to the resource and avoid unreasonable interference with visitor services, special events are not permitted to take place in the Market St. houses.

INDEPENDENCE PARK INSTITUTE:
Special events are limited to those sponsored by the NPS or another park partner.

SECOND BANK BLOCK:
The Second Bank of the United States is a National Historic Landmark and an architecturally significant building in the historic core of the park, which also includes Library Hall of the American Philosophical Society. Special events will be limited to those that will not intrude on the view shed, unreasonably impair the atmosphere of peace and tranquility maintained in this historic zone, or have the potential to cause damage to park resources.

FIRST BANK BLOCK:
This area of the historic core of the park includes Carpenters' Hall, the First Bank of the United States, the Bishop White House and several other historic structures. Special events will be limited to those that will not unreasonably impair the atmosphere of peace and tranquility maintained in this historic zone, or have the potential to cause damage to park resources.

DOCK STREET:
The views from Dock Street present a carefully recreated historic scene that incorporates two national historic landmarks, the Merchants' Exchange and the First Bank of the United States. All care should be taken to maintain this view free from modern intrusions for the enjoyment of our visitors and the community. Special events in this area of the park are restricted to those either sponsored or co-sponsored by the NPS.

WASHINGTON SQUARE:
Washington Square served as a burial ground for nearly all of the 18th century. In the early part of the century it was used as a potter's field, during the American Revolution it served as a cemetery for troops of Washington's Army, later it would serve as a burial ground for victims of the yellow fever epidemics. Today a memorial honoring George Washington and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier lie within Washington Square. In order to maintain a sense of reverence for those interred on the site and to minimize the potential for damage to the resource and to preclude unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services or other program activities, requests for activities and special events to be held in the above space shall meet the following criteria to receive consideration:

- The event has a long history of taking place in the Square, or
- The event commemorates the events that took place on the Square; or
- The event is sponsored or co-sponsored by the NPS, organizations with cooperative agreements with NPS, a Mall partner or another government entity (i.e. City, State or Federal) and furthers the mission of the park.
- The event is sponsored by a traditionally associated group.

No events other than those with a commemorative association with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be permitted to take place in the paved area surrounding the fountain or in the proximity of the Memorial. Video production on Washington Square is limited to productions involving no more than 15 cast and crew on site at any one time.

WELCOME PARK:
In order to minimize the potential for damage to the resource and to preclude unreasonable interference with interpretation, visitor services or other program activities, requests for activities and special events to be held in the above space shall meet the following criteria to receive consideration:

- The activity is directly associated with the interpretive focus of the park, furthers the mission of the park and/or is an activity in which the NPS is a participant, or
- The event is sponsored by the NPS, organizations with cooperative agreements with the NPS, educational institutions (school bands and choral groups) or other government entities (i.e. City, State or Federal).
- A public address system may be used (no NPS provided power) providing the sound does not disrupt interpretive programs or adjacent residences or businesses.
- The sidewalk will not be blocked.
- Signage, banners, displays, etc. may not be attached to or contact park monuments, walls, facilities or trees.
- The event is limited to 800 persons.

MAGNOLIA GARDEN AND ROSE GARDEN:
In order not to unreasonably impair the atmosphere of peace and tranquility maintained in these garden areas of the park, special events are limited to those meeting the following criteria:

- The activity is directly associated with the interpretive focus of the park, furthers the mission of the park and/or is an activity in which Independence National Historical Park is a participant, or
- The event is sponsored by the NPS, organizations with cooperative agreements with the NPS or other government entities (i.e. City, State or Federal).
- Wedding ceremonies will be considered for the Magnolia and Rose Gardens as long as the ceremony is no longer than two (2) hours in duration, requires only minimal set-up (i.e. maximum of 20 chairs, no public address system, no tents) and involves no more than 35 people. Music may be approved with the condition that it will not be audible in neighboring residences or buildings.

BENJAMIN RUSH (BISHOP WHITE) GARDEN AND 18TH CENTURY GARDEN:
In order not to unreasonably impair the atmosphere of peace and tranquility maintained in these garden areas of the park, special events and public assemblies are not permitted. Wedding photography is permitted with a permit.

CHRIST CHURCH PARK (Second and Market Streets):
This property was acquired by the National Park Service in order to forestall development of the site, and thus maintain a view of the Church from along Market Street. In order to minimize the potential for injury or damage to the resource, preserve an atmosphere of peace and tranquility and maintain the view shed, special events on

this site are limited to those which meet the following criteria:

- The event is sponsored by Christ Church
- The event commemorates a milestone anniversary of an event significant in the history of the Church.

B. 36 CFR §2.51 - PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES

Independence National Historical Park will accommodate the use of park land for activities protected under the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution. Activities include demonstrations, picketing, speechmaking, marching, holding vigils or religious services and all other like forms of conduct which involve the communication or expression of views or grievances, engaged in by one or more persons, the conduct of which is reasonably likely to draw a crowd or onlookers. Excluded from this definition is the casual park use by visitors or tourists which is not reasonably likely to attract a crowd or onlookers such as the wearing of baseball caps, T-shirts, or other articles of clothing that convey a message. To ensure public safety and the protection of park resources and values, and to avoid assigning the same location and time to two or more activities, for groups larger than 25 persons, the park will issue permits that specify/organize the time, location, number of participants, use of the facilities, and number and type of equipment used, but not the content of the message presented. Permit applications are available at the Merchant's Exchange Building, on the park's website (www.nps.gov/inde) or by calling 215-597-0060.

The Superintendent shall, within ten days, issue a permit upon proper application. No public assembly permit shall be issued for a period in excess of 14 consecutive days, provided that permits may be extended for like periods upon a new application, unless another applicant has requested use of the same location and multiple occupancy at that location is not reasonably possible. The use of message bearing signs may be used in conjunction with public assemblies, vigils, rallies, demonstrations, religious activities and other forms of public expression provided that a Special Use Permit has been issued and approved by the park Superintendent. All such signs are to be attended at all times. "Attended" is defined as an individual being on-site either holding or immediately next to his or her sign. Signs are not permitted in public buildings. Amplified sound systems may be used in conjunction with public assemblies to the extent that they comply with the provisions of §2.12(a)(1)(ii)

Demonstrations involving 25 persons or fewer may be held without a permit provided that the other conditions required for the issuance of a permit are met and provided further that the group is not merely an extension of another group already availing itself of the 25-person maximum under this provision or will not unreasonably interfere with other demonstrations or special events. Individuals and small groups who take advantage of the permit exception may make use of hand-carried signs, but not stages, platforms, or structures. While it is not mandatory, the organizer is requested to provide reasonable notice of the proposed event to the park superintendent, including whether there is any reason to believe that there may be an attempt to disrupt, protest, or prevent the activity.

The following park areas are designated as areas for public assemblies:

FIRST BLOCK OF INDEPENDENCE MALL: bounded north by Market St., east by 5th St., and south by Chestnut St. and west by 6th St.

SECOND BLOCK OF INDEPENDENCE MALL: Bounded north by Arch St., east by 5th St., south by Market St., and west by 6th St.

THIRD BLOCK OF INDEPENDENCE MALL: Demonstrations are permitted on the raised terrace area north of Race Street and west of the sidewalk leading into the building entrance off of 6th St.

SECOND BANK BLOCK: Bounded north by the Second Bank building, west by 5th St., east by 4th St. and south by Walnut St.

WELCOME PARK

WASHINGTON SQUARE: Perimeter sidewalks and all non-paved interior areas of the park.

The following sidewalks:

East side of 6th Street from Race St south to the north side of Chestnut St.
West side of 5th Street from Race Street south to the north side of Chestnut St..
East side of 5th Street from Chestnut St. south to Walnut St.
North side of Chestnut St. from 6th Street east to 5th Street
North and south sides of Market Street from 6th Street east to 5th St.
North and south sides of Arch Street from 6th Street east to 5th Street

CROSSWALKS, BUILDING ENTRANCES AND EXITS, BUILDING INTERIORS AND EXHIBITS, AND SECURE AREA OF INDEPENDENCE SQUARE:

Assembling or leafleting within 20 feet of a building entrance or exit is prohibited. Visitors must be allowed unimpeded entry and exit of buildings for safety reasons. Assembling or leafleting within 12 feet of a crosswalk is prohibited. Blocking crosswalks impedes the flow of pedestrian traffic and creates safety concerns.

Assembling or leafleting in park buildings, exhibit areas and within the secure area of Independence Square is prohibited.

C. POLICY FOR PRIVATE EVENTS IN INHP

INHP is located in a dense urban setting in the Old City District of Philadelphia. Open space in the park is at a premium, and the park must manage use of the space equitably among the competing needs of the nearly 4 million visitors and over 100,000 people who utilize the park for special events, filming and photography, and for public assemblies. For this reason, private invitation-only events staged on public space in the park are restricted to only those events sponsored by the park, a park partner, or a government agency (City, State or Federal). There are adequate facilities within the boundaries of the park including the National Constitution Center, the Independence Visitor Center, Carpenter's Hall and City Tavern to accommodate those seeking park venues for private events.

IV. 36 CFR §2.52 - SALE and DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

A. Sale of Printed Materials

The sale of printed matter in connection with a public assembly is allowed, subject to a permit for groups over 25 people, and subject to the regulations listed above regarding public assemblies. Printed matter is defined as books, newspapers, leaflets and pamphlets, whose primary purpose is the advocacy, definition, or explanation of a group's or individual's political, religious, scientific or moral beliefs. Message-bearing merchandise such as t-shirts, posters, patches, hats, flags, records, compact disks and tapes, photographs, mugs and decals may not be sold. The sale of printed materials involving 25 persons or fewer may be engaged in without a permit provided that the other conditions required for the issuance of a permit are met and providing the activity will not unreasonably interfere with other demonstrations or special events.

B. Distribution of Printed Material

Distribution of printed matter is allowed pursuant to the regulations listed above regarding public assemblies, provided that, for groups over 25, a permit to do so has been issued by the Superintendent and provided further that the printed matter is not solely commercial advertising. Printed material is defined as message-bearing textual printed material such as books, pamphlets, magazines, and leaflets whose primary purpose is the advocacy, definition, or explanation of a group's or individual's political, religious, scientific, or moral beliefs. The distribution of printed materials involving 25 persons or fewer may be engaged in without a permit provided that the other conditions required for the issuance of a permit are met and providing the activity will not unreasonably interfere with other demonstrations or special events.

V. 36 CFR §5.1 - COMMERCIAL NOTICES OR ADVERTISEMENTS

Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent. Such permission may be granted only if the notice or advertisement is of goods, services, or facilities available within the park area and such notices and advertisements are found by the Superintendent to be desirable and necessary for the convenience and guidance of the public. The distribution or give-away of commercial products is not permitted unless it is something that is not intended to be distributed for promotional purposes, and is deemed by the Superintendent to be desirable for the convenience of the public. Further, special event permits will expressly prohibit the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. However, a permit may be issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the NPS determines that the size and form of the recognition will not derogate of the values and purposes for which the park was established, providing that the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event.

VI. 36 CFR §5.3 - BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Engaging in or soliciting any business is prohibited except as permitted by a Commercial Use Authorization or written agreement with the NPS. Soliciting personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, zip codes, etc., or any other such information which may be used for future solicitation or marketing purposes, is strictly prohibited.

VII. FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

A. 36 CFR §5.5(a) - MOTION PICTURES AND TELEVISION

Under P.L. 106-206 all commercial filming requires a permit and is subject to a location fee and cost recovery. Commercial filming is defined as digital or film recording of a visual image or sound recording by a person, business, or other entity for a market audience, such as for a documentary, television or feature film, advertisement, or similar project; it does not include news coverage or visitor use. Permission to film or videotape in a historic park building can be granted by the Superintendent when:

- The activity has a meaningful and accurate association with the historic resource or
- The production would contribute to the public understanding and appreciation of the historic resource.

The same considerations as those which apply to building interiors will be applied by the Superintendent in granting permission for exterior motion picture or television productions on Independence Square. The Superintendent may choose not to apply the criteria of a meaningful association with the historic resource or that it would contribute to the public understanding and appreciation of the historic resource to video production in other areas of the park. Unless co-sponsored by the NPS, video production on Washington Square is limited to productions involving no more than 15 cast and crew on site at any one time.

Coverage of breaking news never requires a permit, but is subject to the imposition of restrictions and conditions necessary to protect park resources and public health and safety, and to prevent derogation of park values.

B. 36 CFR §5.5(b) - STILL PHOTOGRAPHY

The decision to require a permit for still photography activities in a park is based on the activity itself as opposed to the eventual use of the image. Generally, permits are not required for still photography activities unless:

- The activity takes place at location(s) where or when members of the public are generally not allowed; or
- The activity uses model(s), sets(s), or prop(s) that are not a part of the location's natural or cultural resources or administrative facilities; or
- The park would incur additional administrative costs to monitor the activity; or
- The park needs to provide management and oversight of the activity.

If none of these conditions exist a permit is not required. Still photography permits are subject to cost recovery and location fees.

Wedding photos taken by either commercial or noncommercial photographers require a permit. (Note: Wedding photos are permitted in certain areas of the park, but not in park buildings.)