

**GUIDELINES
FOR
FIRST AMENDMENT--PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**



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I. GENERAL STATEMENT:

Under the provisions of Section 2.51 of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, individuals and members of organizations may engage in such activities as public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, picketing, speechmaking, marching, holding vigils or religious services within certain designated areas of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (see enclosed Designated First Amendment Areas Map), provided a permit has been issued by the Superintendent. This policy statement provides for the free exercise of activities protected by the First Amendment, regulating only time, place, and manner of those activities at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

II. PERMIT PROCESS:

1. Complete, Sign, Date, and Mail Application Form.
2. Applications must be received at least two business days prior to date needed. (Allows time for permit to be issued, sent to permittee for signature, and returned to park for Superintendent's signature. A completed permit is then returned to permittee.)
3. The National Park Service accepts applications on a first-come, first-serve basis. Permits are issued so that only one area of the park grounds is being used at any one time for purposes which require a special use permit.
4. Permits are issued for no longer than a seven day period, with the activity being permitted during park grounds open hours 6:00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.
5. Permits may be extended for like periods upon new application, provided no other application has been received and no prevailing park use has been identified for the area requested.

III. GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS:

The following conditions (as well as more event-specific conditions depending on the size and scope of your activity) will become part of the permit once issued and should be considered when planning your First Amendment activity:

1. Any loud speaker being used must be so adjusted as to accommodate only those people in the immediate area. All audio enhancement equipment should be portable and battery-powered as there is no power available on park grounds. **NO GENERATORS ARE ALLOWED ON PARK GROUNDS.**
2. The selling of merchandise or commercial advertising is prohibited.
3. No temporary structures shall be erected. Nothing may be attached to park property (fences, trees, trash receptacles, etc.)
4. If any printed matter is distributed as part of your activity, the printed matter must be directly related to your event and must not contain any commercial advertising. Printed matter will be limited to 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.
5. Signs and banners must not be attached to sticks or poles. This provision is not intended to restrict the use of portable signs or banners as an expression of First Amendment rights. Banners or signs which are hand-carried are allowed; however, they may not be obscene or indecent in nature, and must not pose a danger to anyone else in the area.
6. Participants are to avoid language which infers an official connection with the National Park Service and its activities.
7. The area will be left in the same condition as found and all litter placed in the provided containers. Any park property damaged by, or as a result of the permit holder, will be replaced or repaired at the cost of the permit holder.
8. The permit is only for use of the specific area and time period designated on the permit. Issuance of the permit does not guarantee exclusive use of an area. The area for which the permit is issued will remain open to the public during the park's visiting hours. Permit activities must not interfere with park visitors or programs.
9. The use of any device or prop that utilizes smoke or open flame is prohibited.
10. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke the permit at any time should this become necessary in the interest of public safety, public health, and general welfare.
11. The United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, will in no way be held responsible in the event of any personal injury, and/or loss of, or damage to, personal property during, or occurring from, the use of the area.

12. The permittee and all participants are required to comply with all applicable Federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, codes, permit requirements and conditions, as well as park regulations contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The permit may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions or at the discretion of the Superintendent. The permittee and all participants will comply with any instructions from the designated official representative of this office and similar instructions of the St. Louis City Police Department.

13. Good order and proper decorum shall be maintained by those persons conducting and participating in the activity and the group will leave the area at the conclusion time stated on the permit. It is prohibited for persons engaged in activities covered under the permit to obstruct or impede pedestrians or vehicles, or harass park visitors or misrepresent their purpose. Permittee must agree to maintain public access in the area (do not block entire sidewalks/steps/door entrances, etc, with people or equipment).

14. The provisions of 36 CFR Chapter 1 Section 2.51 is the authority used for administering permits for Public Assemblies. A copy of this regulation is available upon request.

15. Failure to comply with the provisions of the permit will result in its immediate revocation. Specific individuals failing to comply with the provisions herein will be prohibited from future participation in their activities at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

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