

CHAPTER 44: PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES**44.01 Declaration of Policy****44.02 Exemptions****44.03 Definition****44.04 Prohibited Acts**

44.01 DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City, for the protection of public safety, public health, and general welfare, and to avoid the creation of public nuisances or public health hazards, to regulate public meetings.

44.02 EXEMPTIONS. Nothing in this chapter applies to the following organizations:

1. Any religious institution or organization or any charitable or educational organization which is operated, supervised or controlled by a religious organization.
2. Any duly organized fraternal organization chartered under the laws of the State of Iowa.

44.03 DEFINITION. A public meeting is deemed to include, but is not limited to, fairs, carnivals, exhibitions, political rallies, festivals and parades, at which more than 100 people may be expected to attend, whether admission is or is not charged and whether held on public or private property, and which may require the use of extra sanitary facilities, traffic control, fire protection, or any other facilities normally connected with and furnished by the City for the health, welfare, and protection of the citizens of the City.

44.04 PROHIBITED ACTS. It is unlawful to hold any public meeting as defined herein, or to advertise the same, without first obtaining approval from the City of the traffic control facilities, parking facilities, health facilities, sanitation facilities, fire protection, food and water facilities, and information concerning any other matters which the City Council may deem to constitute a public nuisance in the event such meeting were held. Reasonable requirements for the furnishing of such facilities for a public meeting shall be established by the City Council at the time application is made to them for approval, and such application shall be filed with the City Council not less than thirty (30) days before the date set for the public meeting referred to herein. In the event the promoters or organizers of such public meeting fail to meet the standards established by the City Council for the furnishing of such public facilities for the protection of the health and welfare of the general population of the City, the advertising or holding of such a public meeting shall be deemed to constitute a public nuisance and may be prosecuted as such by the City in accordance with the laws of the State.