



# TOWN OF KENTVILLE

## Chapter # 96

### Special Events Bylaw

#### 1. Authority

Sections 172 (1)(b), (d)(vi) and (f) of the Municipal Government Act provide municipalities with the power to make bylaws respecting the safety and protection of property and activities that may cause a nuisance, including noise and activities that unreasonably disturb the peace and tranquility of a neighborhood, and business activities.

#### 2. Title

This Bylaw is entitled the “Special Events Bylaw”

#### 3. Definitions

In this Bylaw:

- a) “**DO**” means the Development Officer for the Town or their delegate;
- b) “**Special Event Facility**” means a building or portion of a building, outdoor areas, and related parking which is rented by individuals or groups to accommodate Special Events. Such Facility may include (1) a kitchen for the preparation or catering of food for a Special Event (2) a bar for the sale and/or serving of alcoholic beverages and /or (3) a stage or other means of showcasing entertainment and (4) tents and other temporary shelters.
- c) “**Special Event**” means a private commercial function including but not limited to, banquets, weddings, anniversaries, family reunions and other similar events.

#### 4. Purpose

This Bylaw is to provide for the issuance of Special Events Permit for Special Events on residential properties, located in the Residential Futures (RF) Zone, subject to the Special Events Facilities provisions of the Land Use Bylaw.

#### 5. General Provisions

- 5.1 No Special Event shall run longer than 3 consecutive days.
- 5.2 No Special Event shall exceed 150 attendees in size, including guests and staff supporting the event.

- 5.3 All alcohol sold and or/served at a Special Event shall be consumed at the Event.
- 5.4 No Special Event shall be open to the general public.
- 5.5 No outdoor amplification of music for the event shall commence earlier than 9:00 AM nor extend later than 10:00 PM on any day.
- 5.6 The Special Event shall cease at 12 midnight on each day of the Event.
- 5.7 At least five days prior to the commencement of a Special Event, all property owners within 500 feet of the subject property, shall be notified of the Special Event in writing by the Special Event organizer.
- 5.8 All parking for the Special Event must be located on the same property as the Special Event Facility.
- 5.9 No more than 15 Special Events per year per property shall be permitted.
- 5.10 Where applicable, a copy of the Special Occasion Liquor License from Service Nova Scotia, Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel & Tobacco Division shall be provided.
- 5.11 A Special Event shall only be permitted upon a lot where:
  - 5.11.1 The lot has an existing dwelling on or before the date of this bylaw; and
  - 5.11.2 The lot has a minimum lot area of 6 acres.
  - 5.11.3 The lot is zoned Residential Futures (RF)

## **6. Application**

- 6.1 A Special Events Permit application shall be made by the owner of the property to the DO and shall be in such form and contain such information as may be required for the proper administration of this Bylaw and all applicable provisions of the Land Use Bylaw;
- 6.2 No person shall be eligible for a Special Event Permit if they have contravened any provision of this Bylaw in the 30 day period immediately preceding this application, as determined by the DO.
- 6.3 A Special Event Permit is required for each separate Special Event.
- 6.4 A Special Event Permit is valid for one year from the date of issue.
- 6.5 All applications shall be accompanied by a site plan showing location of any tents, staging and other temporary structures and all parking.

## **7. Permit Fees**

- 7.1 Each Application shall be accompanied by a \$150 Fee

## **8. Offences and Penalties**

- 8.1 No person shall host, or permit, a Special Event without a Special Event Permit.
- 8.2 Any person who contravenes any provision of this By-Law is punishable on summary conviction by a fine of not less than \$150 and not more than \$10,000 and to imprisonment of not more than one year in default of payment thereof.

**9. Effective Date**

9.1 This Bylaw will become effective upon publication.

**Clerk's Annotation (Office Use Only)**

Effective Date – Upon publication of Notice of Passing

First Reading of Bylaw – September 28, 2015

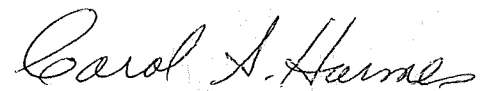
Date of advertisement of Notice of Second Reading – October 6, 2015

Second Reading of Bylaw – October 26, 2015

Notice of Passing – Publication date: - November 3, 2015

Notice to Minister – November 3, 2015

**I hereby certify that  
Chapter # 96 Special Events Bylaw  
has been adopted by Council  
and published as indicated above.**



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**Carol A. Harmes  
Town Clerk**