



Parade & Speakers Platform Applications for Democratic National Convention

With regard to First Amendment activity during the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, the City of Charlotte has two goals: (1) to respect and protect the First Amendment rights of our citizens and visitors; and (2) to preserve the peace, provide public safety, and ensure an enjoyable convention experience for all.

The City has designated a route for parades and marches to be used during the Convention dates of **September 4 – 6, 2012**. The City will also establish a Speakers Platform, a location where City-provided microphones and amplification equipment will be available to individuals and groups wishing to express their opinions.

This application process must be used to request use of the Designated Parade Route and/or Speakers Platform. Following the application period of **June 4 – June 27, 2012**, a lottery will be held on **July 2, 2012** to determine time slots for each day.

The City will accept only one application per individual or group for the use of the Designated Parade Route and Speakers Platform. For example, the maximum number of applications a group may submit is two – one for the use of the Designated Parade Route and one for use of the Speakers Platform.

It is important to note that the Designated Parade Route and Speakers Platform are not the only locations where individuals and groups may exercise their First Amendment rights. Sidewalks and parks, unless closed for security or logistical reasons, will be open and available to everyone for expressive activity.*

Designated Parade Route

The Designated Parade Route will be available for use **September 4 - 6, 2012** between the hours of **10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Groups and individuals may request use of the Designated Parade Route by first submitting their desired date. In order to fairly award requests, a lottery will be used to determine step-off times which will occur every 40 minutes.

Speakers Platform

The Speakers Platform will be available for use **September 4 - 6, 2012** between the hours of **10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.** The City will provide amplified sound equipment within the Speakers Platform location. Groups and individuals may request use of the Speakers Platform by first submitting their desired date. In order to fairly award requests, a lottery will be used to determine speaking times which will begin on each hour and half-hour.

Lottery Process

The Extraordinary Event Designation enables the City to establish and administer a fair and content-neutral process for issuing permits when multiple applications are submitted for the same period of time and/or



location. The following lottery procedures will be used to determine time slots for use of the Designated Parade Route (6 each day) and Speakers Platform (20 each day):

- Applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on June 27, 2012**
- A lottery will be held at **2:00 p.m. on July 2, 2012** at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, NC 28202
- Applicants are not required to be present during the lottery, but are welcome to attend
- Following the lottery, the City will notify applicants of the results

Contact Information

An online application process is available at <http://DNCinfo.CharlotteNC.gov>. In addition, completed hard-copy applications will be accepted via mail or fax to:

Emily Cantrell
DNC Permit Official
600 East Trade Street
Charlotte, NC 28202
Phone: (704) 432-2076
Fax: (704) 336-7944

**Under current City ordinances, individuals and groups may demonstrate on City sidewalks at any time anywhere within the City, without a permit. Except on sidewalks that may be closed for security, transportation, or logistical reasons, individuals and groups will be allowed to demonstrate on City sidewalks during the DNC, as they are today, without a permit. Similarly, County parks will be available for individuals and groups to demonstrate during the DNC without a permit. These properties will not be subject to reservation by anyone; instead, they will be open to anyone and everyone, for peaceable assembly and expressive activity.*



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DESIGNATED PARADE ROUTE APPLICATION

Event Title:		
Organization/Individual Submitting Request:		
Address of Organization/Individual:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Web Address of Organization:		
Name of Primary Contact:		
Phone:	Mobile Phone:	
E-Mail:	Fax:	

Please Select Requested Date (you may only choose one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, September 4, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, September 5, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, September 6, 2012
Number of Anticipated Participants:		
If ADA accommodation is needed, please describe:		
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SPEAKERS PLATFORM APPLICATION

Event Title:		
Organization/Individual Submitting Request:		
Address of Organization/Individual:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Web Address of Organization:		
Name of Primary Contact:		
Phone:	Mobile Phone:	
E-Mail:	Fax:	

Please Select Requested Date (you may only choose one)		
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