

## Proposed Section to ordinance for Private Events for a fee; Article V, Section T

### **T. Private Events**

The hosting of Private Events for a fee, as an alternative use of open land, shall be permitted subject to the following restrictions:

1. Events under this ordinance shall only be allowed in the General Residential, Agricultural & Rural District (GR).
2. Event shall be on a property or contiguous properties under the same ownership with a minimum total of fifteen (15) acres.
3. Events utilizing sound amplification equipment shall be located 100 feet from any public or private road / right-of-way and 200 feet from side property lines. Equipment will not be used at a level that creates an 'obnoxious use' relating to noise as that term is defined in the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance.
4. For the purpose of this ordinance Events shall be restricted to commercial use of property for private events/functions, not open to the general public. Permitted types of events would include workshops, retreats, private weddings, family gatherings and similar kinds of activities.
  - a) An Event shall not exceed two hundred (200) attendees in size, including guests and staff supporting the event.
  - b) The maximum number of Events exceeding 50 attendees shall not exceed 6 events in a calendar year.
  - c) Events numbering more than 100 attendees in size shall be limited to a maximum of 4 events in a calendar year. Events with less than 50 attendees shall be limited to one Event per week.
  - d) Multiple Events on the same day are not permitted, nor shall separate Events be combined to create a single Event.
  - e) No single event shall exceed 12 hours of operation, excluding set-up and break-down.
  - f) No event shall commence earlier than 7 a.m. nor extend later than 11p.m, including set-up and break-down.
5. Any subsequent development of the site for this use shall be consistent with the existing rural characteristics of the District.
6. All events shall comply with all other applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations.
7. The property owner will file an Event Notification Form with the Town Office no later than 14 days prior to an Event occurring.
  - a) The property owner shall ensure compliance with any requirements required by the Police or Fire Chiefs relative to Public Safety.
8. All businesses of this type must be approved by the Planning Board after meeting requirements of Site Plan Review, except that Site Plan approval shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of the Planning Board vote and expire if the applicant does not apply for a new approval prior to the expiration date. Site Plan submission to demonstrate:
  - i. Adequate area to accommodate off-street parking for all vehicles associated with the event.
  - ii. Plan to provide adequate and appropriate restroom facilities based upon maximum permitted attendees.
  - iii. The designated Event area does not increase the permissible lot coverage for the District.
9. For previously approved Event locations seeking a renewal approval, a record of the events that have been held, including the date, duration and number of attendees, and any complaints

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that have been received by the applicant or on file with the Police Department, shall be submitted with the permit renewal application.

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