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# CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item F**  
**April 23, 2012**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of adoption of Ordinance Text Amendment 12-42.04, as recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee, to amend Chapter 24, "Outdoor Gatherings", of the Novi City Code to change the time for submission of an application from 30 days before an event to 10 days before an event and to make other minor revisions in the review process. **SECOND READING**

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

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**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Ordinance Review Committee met on March 6, 2012 to discuss potential changes to the Outdoor Gathering ordinance with respect to the application timeframe. Currently the ordinance requires the application to be submitted 30 days prior to the event. Applicants have explained that they do not know the details of an event 30 days in advance and therefore cannot gather and submit all required paperwork for an Outdoor Gathering Permit 30 days before the event. For instance, the City Clerk's office received 14 outdoor gathering applications in 2011 with an average timeframe of 8 days to review.

The City Clerk's Office suggested changing the time for submission from 30 days to 10 business days in order to allow a reasonable amount of time for the applicant to submit the required paperwork. The adjusted timeframe will still allow sufficient time for the Police Department, Fire Department and Building Department to review the application.

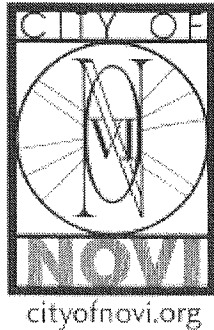
City Council approved the first reading of this ordinance text amendment on April 9, 2012.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of adoption of Ordinance Text Amendment 12-42.04, as recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee, to amend Chapter 24, "Outdoor Gatherings", of the Novi City Code to change the time for submission of an application from 30 days before an event to 10 days before an event and to make other minor revisions in the review process. **SECOND READING**

	1	2	Y	N
Mayor Gatt				
Mayor Pro Tem Staudt				
Council Member Casey				
Council Member Fischer				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Wrobel				

# MEMORANDUM



**TO:** ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** CORTNEY HANSON, DEPUTY CITY CLERK  
**SUBJECT:** PROPOSED OUTDOOR GATHERING ORDINANCE CHANGES  
**DATE:** FEBRUARY 29, 2012

The owner of Paradise Park intended to build a pavilion on the Paradise Park property in order to accommodate special events. Since the pavilion was never built, the owner erects a tent for each individual event. Section 3004 of the City Ordinance currently allows a Temporary Special Land Use Permit to be issued for a temporary tent for a maximum of five days in any six-month period.

Once Paradise Park has reached their limit on Temporary Special Land Use Permits, they apply for an Outdoor Gathering Permit for each event. This is problematic because the application is not filed in time for appropriate review by the Police Department, Fire Department and Building Department. Specifically, the Fire Department needs sufficient time to assess the event location and inspect the tent.

The following chart gives an overview of the Outdoor Gathering applications submitted by Paradise Park in 2011:

<b>Date application was submitted</b>	<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Days given for City to review</b>	<b>Estimated # of people according to application</b>
June 9, 2011	June 11 - 12	1	Max 250 guests.
June 13, 2011	June 18 - 19	4	Max 225 guests. Tent for 125 guests. Sporadic attendance.
June 21, 2011	June 26 - 27	3	Max 225 guests. Tent is for 100. Attendance is sporadic and of short duration.
August 1, 2011	August 7 - 8	4	Max 300 guests. Tent is for 250 people.
August 9, 2011	August 13 - 14	3	Max 200 guests. Seating for 120 people.

August 17, 2011	August 19 - 21	1.5	Max 200 guests. Seating for 70 people. Guests will come and go throughout.
August 31, 2011	September 3 - 4	2	Max 200 guests. Seating for 100.
September 21, 2011	September 25	2	Max 200 guests. Seating for 50.

The City Clerk's Office has spoken with the owner of Paradise Park and explained that 1-3 days is not adequate time to review the application. The owner states that they are not made aware of the number of people to be in attendance until a few days before the event; therefore they cannot submit the application any earlier. Currently the ordinance requires the applicant to submit the application at least thirty (30) days in advance of the event.

Below is a summary of all other Outdoor Gathering Permit Applications that were received in 2011.

Applicant	Date of Application	Date of Event	Days given for City to review	Type of Event	Was there a tent?
On The Border	March 21	May 5	39	Cinco de Mayo Party.	Yes
Library Pub	August 17	September 11	20	Lion's football game	Yes
Tata Technologies	August 22	August 31	6	Employee event	Yes
Sri Venkateswara Temple	September 13	October 1	14	Prayer service	Yes
Worldwide Day of Play	September 15	September 24	8	Community event	No
Best Buy (two locations)	November 18	November 24	5	Movie viewing for customers	No

There are several factors to take into account regarding the amount of time involved in the approval of the application. For example, the two events that did not have a tent did not require as much review time by the Fire Department and Building Department. For the events that do require a tent, it is suggested that we have at least 10 business days to review the application in order to address all aspects of having the tent erected safely for the public.

It is **recommended** that Ordinance Review Committee consider amending the filing deadline from 30 days to 10 business days to give a reasonable amount of time for City Departments to review.

**Moved by Margolis, Seconded by Gatt: Carried Unanimously**

**To remove wording regarding financial hardship from Section 26.5-34(d) and add that a performance bond is an acceptable form of financial guarantee.**

## **2. Proposed Outdoor Gathering Ordinance Changes**

Mr. Cardenas began by explaining a temporary special land use permit can be issued for a temporary tent for a maximum of five days in any six-month period. Once an applicant has reached the limit on temporary special land use permits, if they expect over 200 people at the event, they file an outdoor gathering permit application for each event. There is no limit on the number of outdoor gathering permits allowed per applicant or per business. He explained that the issue arose due to businesses submitting applications only a few days before the event, which is not enough time for the Police Department, Building Department and Fire Department to review the application. He said the proposal is to change the ordinance to require applicants to file the application a minimum of ten business days before the event. He said currently the ordinance requires 30 days however the Clerk's Office, Police Department, Building Department and Fire Department have all agreed that ten business days would be sufficient time to review the application.

Mayor Gatt asked why we would change the timeframe from 30 days to ten days because it is only shortening the review time. Mr. Cardenas explained it gave a more reasonable timeframe for applicants to abide by. Mayor Gatt said it was basically a compromise then.

Mayor Gatt asked what would happen if the business owner did not know how many people would be in attendance. Ms. Hanson explained that it is up to the business owner to make an estimate, but if they do not expect more than 200 people, they do not need to file an application for an outdoor gathering.

Mr. Schultz added that most businesses do not file very many outdoor gathering permit applications, but in the specific instance of Paradise Park, he had intended to build a pavilion on the premises. Since he had not built the pavilion, he had been applying for temporary special land use permits and subsequently applies for outdoor gathering permits. Mayor Gatt asked what would happen if he did build the permanent structure. Mr. Schultz said he would no longer have to apply for temporary special land use permits or outdoor gathering permits.

**Moved by Margolis, Seconded by Gatt: Carried Unanimously**

**To amend the filing deadline in the Outdoor Gathering ordinance from 30 days to ten business days.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Recorded by: Cortney Hanson  
Deputy City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 12 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ 42.04

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**THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:**

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Robert J. Gatt, Mayor

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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

**Certificate of Adoption**

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