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CITY OF OCONTO
1210 Main Street, Oconto, WI 54153

Three Year Trial Basis

The City of Oconto would allow use of the Riley Sowle / Anita Jenson property as a wedding / special event venue on a three year trial basis, in an effort to evaluate the impact on the surrounding area and conditions necessary for a potential ordinance.

Conditions:

Duration. The trial period shall be consider as March 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024.

Events. During the Year 2022 trial period, a maximum of twenty-five (25) wedding events and special events may be conducted on the property. During the Year 2023 trial period, a maximum of fifty (50) wedding events and special events may be conducted on the property. During the Year 2024 trial period, a maximum of sixty (60) wedding events and special events may be conducted on the property.

Dates and Hours. All events shall be completed by 10:00 P.M. A clean up period until 11:00 P.M. is allowed. Thirty (30) day notice of all event dates and nature of the event shall be provided to the City.

Parking. Off street parking shall be sufficient to accommodate all attendees of a wedding / special event. During the trial period, general parking areas do not have to be graveled or paved. Handicapped parking spaces shall be provided.

Entertainment and Music. Live entertainment and amplified music are permitted as part of an event. All City noise ordinances shall be complied with by the event.

Alcohol. That the sale of any and all alcoholic beverages at a wedding / special event by the property owner shall be prohibited. A license is not required for events where wine, fermented malt beverages or prepackaged alcoholic beverages (i.e. tap, bottles, cans) are brought to the premises by those utilizing the property and offered on a complimentary basis to guests.

Outdoor Structures and Tents. That temporary outdoor structures and tents shall comply with City ordinances and require a permit. Outdoor structures and tents are subject to Fire Code standards and shall be inspected by the Fire Inspector and Building Inspector prior to occupancy.

Restroom Facilities. That temporary or permanent restroom facilities sufficient to accommodate the number of attendees shall be provided.

Traffic. The increase in traffic generated by the wedding / special event activity shall not create a nuisance to nearby residents by way of traffic, noise or significant increases of parking on public ways. All ingress / egress and parking areas shall be located in such a manner to minimize traffic hazards associated with entering and exiting the public roadway, and matters of driveway openings and storm water management shall comply with City ordinances.

Garbage. That adequate provisions shall be made for timely garbage and refuse disposal as to any event.

Lighting. Site lighting shall comply with City ordinances.

Signage. Any on-site signage shall comply with City ordinances.

Buildings. Access to buildings and structures that do not meet required Building Code standards shall be prohibited.

Review. During the three year trial period, the property and any event shall be subject to review at any time, by a City official, as to compliance with the conditions set forth herein. The City may evaluate on a regular basis the impact of events on the surrounding neighbors and revise conditions herein as necessary. This trial period may be terminated at any time, without guarantee to the property owner of allowing events for the full three years and/or of establishing a future ordinance as to a wedding / special event venue.