PARKING AND ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION

The City may require permittees to have a Neighborhood Impact Mitigation Plan that includes agreements for alternative transportation in order to ease the congestion and parking issues that occur when people drive their vehicles to an event. Alternative transportation includes carpooling, on-demand ridesharing or encouraging people to walk, bike or take public transportation. Additionally, providing a shuttle service, offsite parking locations and dedicated drop-off and pick-up areas for rideshare drivers may be appropriate to lessen traffic congestion around your event. Neighborhood notification letters may also be required.

Parking is not included with your reservation fee. Depending on where your event is taking place and your expected attendance, having sufficient parking for your event without upsetting the residents and businesses in the immediate neighborhood can be challenging. You may not ever block or cordon off these parking lots for your event’s exclusive use without prior authorization from the City.

Oversized Vehicle Ordinance

Vehicles over the size of 25 feet long, 80 inches wide or 82 inches high are considered “oversized vehicles” and are prohibited from parking on the street unless they obtain a Parking Restriction Waiver Permit from the City Public Works Department. This applies to personal, recreation and commercial vehicles. SBMC § 10.44.220

Reserving Parking in a Waterfront Parking Lot

You are able to pre-reserve specific spaces within a Waterfront Parking Lot for your event by contacting the Waterfront Parking Office and submitting a Waterfront Parking Lot Facility Use Application. Fees will be charged for each parking space used per day. Prior approval is required from this office for any requests to place food trucks/trailers, dumpsters and/or portable toilets in a parking lot.

The Waterfront Department shall consider the availability of parking spaces for the Harbor and Wharf areas for events held June through September. Projected available spaces in Waterfront lots during these months shall be considered by the Police Department and the Parks and Recreation Department in reviewing applications for all events that could potentially impact available parking. City Departments have the authority to work with applicants to provide alternate locations, dates or times for events to best accommodate general public use, business and event parking. Departments have the authority to deny a permit request if the proposed event would overly impact available parking.

Hiring of SBPD officers to manage traffic going in or out of a waterfront parking lot may be required at the expense of the event organizer.

For more information regarding parking lots located in the waterfront, please visit the Waterfront parking office webpage: https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/waterfront/parking/default.asp

Reserving Parking on a City Street

Parking on a City street can be reserved in advance by acquiring a Parking Restriction Waiver Permit from the City Public Works Department. There is an additional cost for this permit. The costs vary depending on the amount of space requested. As a condition of the permit, the applicant will be given official signs to post in the reserved area that state “Temporary No Parking – Tow Away” and showing the reserved dates and times. It is the permit holder’s responsibility to post these signs in the reserved area a minimum of 72 hours in advance of the reservation. Please contact the City Public Works Permit Counter for more information on this permit at PWCounter@SantaBarbaraCA.gov or (805) 564-5388