

How to Obtain a Temporary Use of Land Permit

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Temporary uses include activities, events or signs, which occur on an intermittent basis or for a specific period of time. Temporary uses are not intended to become permanent.

What is the Maximum Duration of a Temporary Use?

The length of time that temporary use may be allowed depends on the type of use. The following lists time limits and special conditions applicable to temporary uses:

1. **Temporary tract office or building yards.** Offices and building yards are necessary for the sale of homes and the conduct of construction administration, fabrication and storage of materials and equipment incidental to major construction projects. Conditions of approval may apply. Duration: 30 days following the sale of the last unit or completion of construction.
2. **Sales office, housing.** Duration: 30 days following sale of last unit.
3. **Parking lots.** Parking lots associated with a special event or other temporary use. Duration: Not longer than allowed for the temporary use being served.
4. **Circuses and carnivals.** Provision of games, eating and drinking facilities, live entertainment, animal exhibitions, or similar activities in a tent or other temporary structure. Duration: 5 continuous days, twice each calendar year, on the same site.
5. **Pumpkin or Christmas tree sales.** Retail sales of Pumpkins or Christmas trees. Duration: Between October 1 and November 1 (Pumpkins), or between Thanksgiving and December 26 (Christmas Trees).
6. **Farmer's markets.** The sale of fresh vegetables, fruit, grains, meat, fish and poultry. Duration: 3 continuous days and no more than twice each calendar year, unless otherwise allowed by a Conditional Use Permit.
7. **Religious assembly.** Religious services conducted on a site that is not permanently occupied by a religious assembly use. Duration: 5 days each calendar year.
8. **Outdoor retail sales.** Retail sales of new merchandise at a shopping center, or individual business not part of a shopping center. Duration: 4 continuous days 6 times each calendar year on the same site.
9. **Street fairs.** Provision of games, eating and drinking facilities, live entertainment, or similar activities located within a public street, not requiring use of roofed structures. Duration: 5 days each calendar year, unless otherwise allowed by a Conditional Use Permit.
10. **Swap meets.** Retail sale or exchange of new, hand crafted, or secondhand merchandise. Duration: 3 continuous days and no more than twice during each calendar year on the same site, unless otherwise allowed by a Conditional Use Permit.
11. **Trade fairs.** Display and sale of goods or equipment related to a specific trade or industry. Duration: 5 continuous days each calendar year on the same site, not to exceed three events per year.
12. **Other temporary uses.** Uses deemed appropriate by the City Planner. Duration: Maximum to be commensurate with other temporary uses.

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City of Salinas
Community Development Department
65 West Alisal Street
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 758-7206

Can an Extension of Time be Granted for a Temporary Use?

The City Planner may find that special circumstances warrant an extension of time. In such cases, the Planning Manager may consider an extension for one additional increment of time.

Are there Limitations in Residential Areas?

Yes. In Residential Zoning Districts, temporary uses are limited to temporary tract offices or building yards and special events on public school grounds, public parks, churches, or other public or semi-public grounds.

Are Temporary Signs Allowed?

Some temporary signs are allowed. These include temporary signs, banners, flags, decorations and other advertising devices placed on a site for a maximum of 30 days each calendar year, provided the total temporary and permanent sign area does not exceed 150 percent of the permitted permanent sign area. Temporary signs may not create safety hazards or block signs identifying adjoining establishments.

A *Sign Permit* is required for any temporary sign. *Sign Permits* are available at the Community Development Department.

Is a Permit Required for a Temporary Use?

Yes. A Temporary Use of Land Permit is required for all temporary uses unless a Conditional Use Permit is otherwise required. An application fee is required.

Obtain an application from:

City of Salinas
Community Development Department
65 West Alisal Street,
Salinas, CA 93901
Or
www.ci.salinas.ca.us
(Community Development Department page)

Are any other Permits Required for a Temporary Use?

If the Temporary Use will include any of the following: amplified sound, congregation of 50 or more people, sales of alcohol, providing for any food or drink to the public, pose an adverse parking or pedestrian circulation, outdoor live entertainment, and tents exceeding 200 square feet or canopies exceeding 400 square feet, a Special Events Application will be required. An application fee is required. Approval from the Fire Department or the Development and Permit Services Department may also be required.

Obtain an application from:

City of Salinas
Parks and Recreation Services
320 Lincoln Avenue
Salinas, CA 93901
Or
www.cityofsalinas.org
(Parks and Recreation Services page)

How to Obtain More Information

For information regarding a Temporary Use of Land Permit, call the Community Development Department at 758-7206. For information regarding a Special Events Application, call Parks and Recreation Services at 758-7217.

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