

**TITLE IX
BUSINESS ORDINANCE**

Chapter 11 Special Event Ordinance

**(Adopted by the voters at the April 4, 1988 Annual Town Meeting in Article 32,
Amended April 3, 1999 ATM)**

1101 Title

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as "Special Event Ordinance of Ogunquit".

1102 Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize Special Events on a limited basis, which events serve to promote the Town of Ogunquit and its businesses and to provide for the allowance of outdoor sales in areas where it is otherwise prohibited; the temporary use of municipal facilities: and for the temporary waiver of articles of Title X, The Zoning Ordinance, which shall not be waived in residential areas.

1103 Power of Board

The Board of Selectmen may authorize a Special Event, which will promote the Town of Ogunquit and its businesses.

1103.1 All permits must be approved by the Board of Selectmen prior to the following exceptions being allowed:

1103.1.a Outdoor sales in areas where such sales are prohibited or restricted by special exception in the Town's Zoning Ordinance, and

1103.1.b The use of municipal facilities provided the Board finds that the event will not have an adverse effect on the safety, health and welfare of the Town, and

1103.1.c The waiver of Chapter 2, Article 3, "Signs" of the Zoning Ordinance provided that sign placement will not have an adverse effect on the safety, health and welfare of the Town and provided sign placement is limited to no more than four (4) weeks prior to the event and no more that one (1) week after the event.

1103.1.d The waiver of Permitted Uses in the District Standards of the Zoning Ordinance, Title X, Chapter 1, Article 7 through Article 18 provided that the Special Event does not have an adverse effect on

the safety, health and welfare of the Zoning District(s) where the event is permitted temporarily.

1103.1.e Provided further that said event shall not exceed seven (7) days, and that no more than five (5) events shall be authorized per calendar year.

1104 **Additional Conditions**

In authorizing any "Special Event" the Board shall impose such further reasonable restrictions and conditions as are deemed appropriate to best safeguard the public's health, safety, and welfare and the right of the citizens to quiet enjoyment of their properties including but not limited to requiring applicants to provide for and pay for an appropriate number of policemen to be present during specified events.

1104.1 The application for a Special Event Permit and the coordination of activities during the event; providing liability insurance, if required; and any other coordination deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, shall be one (1) non-profit organization. This Article is not to limit the number of participating organization, but to provide a coordinated Town-wide Special Event rather than many unrelated events occurring at the same time, and

1104.2 A Special Event does not permit outdoor sales, or waiver of the Sign Ordinance, or waiver of the Zoning Ordinance, or waiver of other ordinances Town-wide during the event, but provides for only those activities, vendors and waivers specifically authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

1104.3 The Board may require liability insurance for the duration of the Special Event naming the Town of Ogunquit as additionally insured.

1105 **Town Services**

If the Board of Selectmen determines that additional services are required above and beyond those normally provided by the Town, the Board may require the Special Event sponsor to reimburse the Town for part or all of the additional services, while considering the overall benefit of the Special Event to the Town. The additional services required by the Board will be listed in the Special Event application along with the cost estimate.

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Bond

The Board, at its discretion, may require a bond to be posted by the sponsor of said event, naming the Town of Ogunquit as beneficiary, which can be used to compensate the Town for any damages to Town property; for the costs of any police and fire services rendered during said event; or to reimburse the Town for any expenses incurred as a result of a violation of any conditions of the permit issued.

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Other Regulations

This Ordinance shall be read in conjunction with all other ordinances of the Town.

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Severability

The invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not invalidate any other part.

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Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon affirmative vote of the registered voters of the Town of Ogunquit at the April 3, 1999 Annual Town Meeting.