

## ORDINANCE NO. 4545

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 29.1318 AND AMENDING SECTION 29.1501(1)(d) THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS; REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

Section One. The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by enacting a new Section 29.1318 and amending Section 29.1501(1)(d) as follows:

### CHAPTER 29

### ARTICLE 13

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC USES

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#### Sec. 29.1318. TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS.

A Temporary Special Event is a temporary activity occurring for more than a six-hour period, which may occur on one or more consecutive days not to exceed four (4) days total and is planned to involve more than 100 persons, including event staff, volunteers, vendors, attendees, participants, spectators and any other individuals at the event.

- (1) Temporary Special Event Standards. A Temporary Special Event must meet all of the following criteria to obtain a Zoning Permit:
- (a) The event must last less than four calendar days, including time needed to set up the site for the event and to restore the site to pre-event condition;
  - (b) A maximum of two (2) events per calendar year, per property are allowed;
  - (c) The site must be restored to pre-event condition at the end of the event, including but not limited to removal of temporary structures;
  - (d) The event and/or equipment cannot extend into public rights-of-way;
  - (e) Parking for the event must be fully contained on-site or outside of the public right-of-way; and
  - (f) The zoning designation of the property must be base zone Agricultural, Commercial or Industrial in nature.

The application for a Temporary Special Event Zoning Permit must include a Site Layout Plan indicating event activities, parking, and locations of temporary structures and equipment that complies with the above requirements. The Planning Director has authority to determine whether an event is exempt from zoning improvement requirements or to otherwise add conditions for site conditions and compatibility with the surroundings

The Planning Director may deny a Temporary Special Event Zoning Permit application by finding any of the following:

- (a) the proposed use has inadequate facilities to support the intended intensity of use,
- (b) the proposed use will be incompatible with the surroundings, or



(c) the site or event itself has previously had substantial complaints related to noise, conduct, parking and other detrimental or nuisance conditions.

(2) **Exemptions.** The following are exempted from obtaining a Temporary Special Event Zoning Permit:

- (a) Special events or assemblies related to family events.
- (b) Events involving less than a total of 100 people.
- (c) Events/uses allowed under a valid Special Use Permit.

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**CHAPTER 29  
ARTICLE 15  
PROCEDURES**

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**Sec. 29.1501. BUILDING/ZONING PERMIT.**

(1) **Permit Required.**

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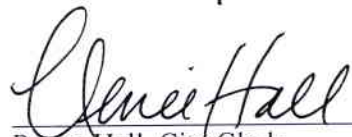
(d) Zoning Permits for Driveways, Landscape Plans, and Parking Lot Striping, Outdoor Storage/Display Areas, Temporary Special Events and other miscellaneous improvements and uses require approval by the Planning and Housing Department prior to their construction or establishment of use. A Site Development Plan may be required per 29.1502. When a Site Development Plan has been approved that addresses the above-described activities, no zoning permit shall be required unless necessary for new activities or changes to approved activities. A Building/ Zoning permit would still be required.


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Section Two. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this 14 day of January, 2025.

  
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Renee Hall, City Clerk

  
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John A. Haila, Mayor

