

For City Website Posting

Special Event Permit Information

Free Speech Event Procedures

Free Speech Events are permitted at City Parks and public-right- of way without a permit subject to the following conditions:

- The principal purpose of the event is the expression of free speech rights as protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution or by Article 1, Section 2 of the California Constitution.
- Attendance is under approved limit (see table below)
- No amplified sound
- No interference with traffic or obstruction of ingress or egress
- No use of structure or equipment that require a health & safety inspection

A planned Free Speech Event that is not in compliance with any of the above standards requires an official City of Rancho Palos Verdes Permit. Contact 310-544-5200 for more information.

For more information about Free Speech Events and other special events go to the following links:

[Link to 9/3/19 Special Event Staff Report](#)

[Link Municipal Code Special Event Section](#)

For information about obtaining a City of Rancho Palos Verdes contact 310-544-5200

Special Event Table

Location	Special Event Permit (12.20.040; 12.20.060; 12.20.070) Permit Threshold	Free Speech Special Event (12.20.040; 12.20.080) Free speech permit threshold:	Maximum Attendance (all events)
Permits are required for all events at locations 1 through 7 that meet the anticipated attendance indicated, and/or for all events that (a) use amplified sound, (b) may interfere with traffic, ingress, or egress; or (3) will use structures that require health and safety inspections.			
1. Public right-of-way	100	300	N/A
2. Civic Center (Upper Point Vicente Park/City Hall)	100	300	500

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3. Hesse Park	100	300	500
4. Lower Point Vicente Park (Point Vicente Interpretive Center outside of Preserve)	100	300	500 for free speech events 500 for all other special events
5. Robert Ryan Park	75	150	200
6. Ladera Linda Park	50	50	200
7. Eastview Park	50	50	200
Special limitations for the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve			
8. Palos Verdes Nature Preserve: Hikes, nature walks, and park cleanups as permitted under the NCCP/HCP. No other events are permitted.	Maximum event/group attendance: 20 people	Not a permissible use in the Preserve	20
Permits may be required for Free Speech Special Events at locations 9 through 15 that are likely to meet the attendance thresholds as indicated below. No events are permitted at these locations that (a) exceed the attendance threshold; (b) use amplified sound, (c) may interfere with traffic, ingress or egress; or (d) use structures that require health and safety inspections.			
9. Del Cerro Park	Maximum event/group attendance: 50 people	50	200 for free speech events only 50 for all other events/groups
10. Frank S. Vanderlip Park	No permit required Maximum event/group attendance: 50 people	50	200 for free speech events only 50 for all other events/groups
11. Abalone Cove picnic area and preschool/lifeguard area	Maximum event/group attendance: 50 people	50	200 for free speech events only

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12. Marilyn Ryan Sunset Park	No permit required Maximum event/group attendance: 50 people	50	200 for free speech events only 50 for all other events/groups
13. Founders Park	Maximum event/group attendance: 50 people	50	200 for free speech events only 50 for all other events/groups
14. Grandview Park	No permit required Maximum event/group attendance: 50 people	50	200 for free speech events only 50 for all other events/groups
15. Pelican Cove	No permit required Maximum event/group attendance: 50 people	50	200 for free speech events only 50 for all other events/groups