



City of Traverse City Park or Public Land Use High Impact Permit

Pursuant to the City of Traverse City Park and Public Land Use Policy, the following parks or public land are hereby permitted to be utilized:

Public Land Use: Lot B

- Saturdays in May & June, 2026 (6 am to 1pm)
- Wednesdays in June, 2026 (6 am to 1pm)

Public Land Use: Old Town Parking Garage (Ground Level)

- Saturdays & Wednesdays July 1-11, 2026 (6 am to 1pm)

Public Land Use: Lot K

- Saturdays & Wednesdays July 15 – October 31, 2026 (6 am to 1pm)

Event Name: **Sara Hardy Downtown Farmers Market**

Permit Holder: **Traverse City Downtown Development Authority (DDA)**


Exclusive use is not granted. However, the City of Traverse City hereby authorizes the use of the above-named Parks and Public Land during the time period indicated above subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. The Applicant shall be liable for all damages both to property and person and shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actual attorney fees, and settlement expenses resulting or arising out of or in connection with the performance of the act for which this permit is issued. The obligations to defend indemnify and hold harmless shall exclude only those matters in which the claim arises out of allegations of the sole negligence or act of the City, its officers, agents or employees.
2. The Applicant shall reimburse the City for expenses such as police, fire, streets, parking, and others as agreed upon between the City and the applicant and will be billed accordingly.
3. Market signage is required in advance for parking lots, to identify towing authority.

4. Old Town Parking Garage vendor passes could be discontinued on days that permit parking overflows to the ground level.
5. The application is attached hereto and made a part of this permit. In the event that any term, clause or provision of this Permit conflicts with any term, clause or provision contained in any attachments hereto, this Permit's terms shall prevail.
6. The tent/canopy membrane material shall be non-combustible, flame resistant, or treated in an approved manner in accordance with the State Building Code. On-site inspection will be done by the Fire Marshal; it is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to arrange such inspection at least seven (7) days prior to the event.
7. The Applicant shall comply with all federal, state, county and city rules and regulations; nothing in this permit shall be construed to grant a waiver from any such regulations.
8. The Applicant is responsible for any cleanup following this event and any damage done to City property and will be billed accordingly.
9. If there is any staking done, the Applicant shall contact MISS DIG (1-800-482-7171) and the City's Parks and Recreation Superintendent (231-922-4910, extension 114) at least five (5) days prior to such staking.
10. The rights granted by this permit are revocable at the will of the City of Traverse City, and the Applicant waives any right to claim damages or compensation in the event that this permit is revoked.
11. This permit may not be transferred or assigned.

Date: April 17, 2026

Issued by



Sarah Lutz, City Clerk

Attached:

- X Application
- X Site Plan
- X Narrative



City of Traverse City Street Closing Permit - Community Event/Major Event

Pursuant to Section 1020.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Traverse City, Michigan, the following streets are hereby permitted to be closed:

Street Use: Alley between Rotary Square & Lot K

- Saturdays & Wednesdays July 15 – October 31, 2026 (6 am to 1pm)

Event Name: Sara Hardy Downtown Farmers Market

Permit Holder: Traverse City Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Shall have exclusive use and supervisory and control authority over said streets on the date and during the time period above indicated subject to the following terms and conditions:

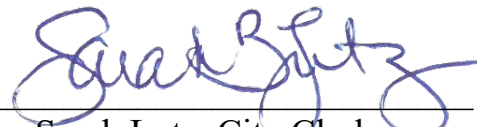
1. The Applicant shall be liable for all damages both to property and person and shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actual attorney fees, and settlement expenses resulting or arising out of or in connection with the performance of the act for which this permit is issued. The obligations to defend, indemnify and hold harmless shall exclude only those matters in which the claim arises out of allegations of the sole negligence or act of the City, its officers, agents or employees.
2. The Applicant shall reimburse the City for expenses such as police, fire, streets, and others as agreed upon between the City and the applicant and will be billed accordingly.
3. The Applicant shall maintain a 20' wide center lane (10' on both sides of the center line) for emergency vehicles.
4. The Applicant shall provide watchmen and flagmen as may be necessary for the safety and convenience of the public and shall furnish all barricades, signs and lights necessary to protect the public and/or such additional barricades, signs and lights as required per

part VI of the current Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD).

- 5. The Applicant shall notify in writing all affected property owners and occupants at least two (2) weeks before the event. This may include an area surrounding the event. The Notice shall include the name of the event, a description of the event, time period, and the name and telephone number of a contact person.
- 6. If located within the Central Business District / boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority and not an event which continuously moves and closes a segment of street(s) for no greater than one (1) hour, the applicant shall submit a supporting petition signed by at least 50 percent of the occupiers of the footage fronting on the public street on both sides of the street by block. For buildings with more than one (1) business, this calculation will be determined by counting the number of ground floor units, or the building owner may sign on behalf of the entire building.
- 7. The application is attached hereto and made a part of this permit.
- 8. The tent/canopy membrane material shall be non-combustible, flame resistant, or treated in an approved manner in accordance with the State Building Code. On-site inspection will be done by the Fire Marshal; it is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to arrange such inspection at least seven (7) days prior to the event.
- 9. The Applicant is responsible for any cleanup following this event and any damage done to City property and will be billed accordingly.
- 10. The rights granted by this permit are revocable at the will of the City of Traverse City, and the Applicant waives any right to claim damages or compensation in the event that this permit is revoked.
- 12. This permit may not be transferred or assigned.

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City of Traverse City
Application for High Impact Community Events
In Parks and Public Land,
and/or City Streets



(For events in streets that are conducted for a residential purpose or where a street closure is not needed, a Non-Major Street Use Permit Application should be completed instead of this application)

Please submit 90 days prior to event (application must be submitted sooner for reservation requests – see Parks and Public Land Use Policy and Street Use Policy for Community Events).

Title of Event: Sara Harder Farmers Market

General Nature of your Event _____

Name of For-Profit Organization, if any: _____

Name of Non-Profit Organization, if any (a non-profit organization is required for Street Use applications):
Downtown Development Authority - DDA

Expected Number of Participants: 400+

Authorized Representative (Applicant): Harry Burkholder - Exec. Dir.

Business Address: 303 E. State St. Traverse City MI 49604

Email: harry@dauntawta.com Phone Number: 231-922-2050

Authorized Co-Representative (If applicable): LAUREN BOHAC

Business Address: 303 E. State Street Traverse City MI 49604

Email: lauren@dauntawta.com Phone Number: 231-922-2050

Additional Contact Person(s) during Event (name & phone): Kyle Warren
269-207-9236

Restrictions regarding the number of High Impact Events allowed in City Parks/Public Land according to City Policy:

- High Impact Events are prohibited in all city parks on Memorial Day and Labor Day and the preceding Friday, Saturday and Sunday and on July 3, July 4 and July 5 of each year.
- Aside from the National Cherry Festival, High Impact Events are prohibited in July in Clinch Park and the Open Space.

For Parks/Public Land (such as parking lots), excluding streets:

Name of Park(s) or Public Land(s) Requested: Lot B

Official Date(s) and Time(s) of Event: Saturdays in May & June; Wednesdays in June 6am-1pm

Name of Park(s) or Public Land(s) Requested: Old Town Parking Deck

Official Date(s) and Time(s) of Event: Saturdays & Wednesdays during NCF July 1 - 11th 6am-1pm

Name of Park(s) or Public Land(s) Requested: Lot K - All spaces

Official Date(s) and Time(s) of Event: Saturdays & Wednesdays after NCF July 15 thru October 6am-1pm

For Streets:

Street(s) section(s) requested to be closed: Alley between Rotary Square & Lot K

Official Date(s) and Time(s) of Event: Saturdays & Wednesdays after NCF July 15 thru October

(Fully closed between Union Street & the end of Lot K, with a soft closure at Cass.)

All Date(s) and Time(s) requested, including set up and tear down: 6am-1pm

1. Will you be setting up significant infrastructure, such as tents, large structures, stages, or amusements? *If setting up tents or large structures, the structure's material shall be non-combustible, flame resistant or treated in an approved manner in accordance with the Michigan Building Code. If a tent or structure has an area in excess of 200 square feet or a canopy is used that is in excess of 400 square feet, it may not be erected before first obtaining a permit from the Fire Marshal. You must contact the Fire Marshal to obtain information regarding a site plan that meets regulatory requirements as well as to schedule an on-site inspection, at least 7 days before your event.*

Yes - Tent Size(s): _____ Other Structures: _____
 No

2. Will you be staking or driving anything into the ground such as tents?
 As of September 2019, for safety reasons, as a result in the procedures for marking underground utilities, the city prohibits driving anything into the ground within any city park (e.g. staking) until we have identified exactly where all underground utilities are located.

No

3. Do you have any tents or other structures that need to be held down?
 Yes If yes, recognizing that, as outlined in Question 2, staking in city parks is prohibited, how will you weigh down the tents or other structures (i.e. using sand bags or water weights) _____
 No
4. Are you setting up equipment such as tables, portable toilets, public address systems, chairs, etc.?
 Yes
 No
5. Will there be any water events?
 Yes, *DNR Permits may need to be obtained; please contact the local DNR Office.*
 No
6. Are you using Flames/Fires/Pyrotechnics?
 Yes, *additional insurance may be required as well as a hold harmless waiver. Please contact the City Clerk's Office to obtain specific requirements in advance. You shall also contact the Fire Marshal to obtain information regarding regulatory requirements.*
 No
7. Do you need electricity services?
 Yes, *some parks do not offer electricity; please confirm with Parks and Recreation. **Open Space electrical panels contact National Cherry Festival at (231) 947-4230*
 No
8. Will there be any entertainment or amplified music?
 Yes, *Compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance is required. For questions, please contact the Noise Control Officer.*
 No
9. Will you be utilizing a generator?
 Yes, *Contact Bruce Remai at Grand Traverse County Construction Code. 231-995-6047 or bremai@grandtraverse.org.*
 No
10. Will you need to rent barricades from the City?
 Yes, indicate quantity: _____, *Please contact the Streets Division Superintendent to rent your barricades. All barricades must be picked up and returned to Streets Division at 625 Woodmere Avenue. Please indicate placement on the site plan.*
 No
11. Will you be utilizing signs for your event?
 Yes, *approval must be provided by Zoning Administrator.*
 No
12. Will you be selling any merchandise/food/drink on sidewalk?
 Yes, *a Sidewalk Display of Merchandise Permit is required – contact City Clerk's office*
 No

13. Will there be any food served, sold, or will there be Mobile Food Vendors?
 Yes, served, NOT sold. *You may need a permit from the Grand Traverse County Environmental Health Department Office.*
 Yes, sold utilizing a Mobile Food Vendor. *For Mobile Food Vendors a permit is required. *Note: Mobile Food Vendors are not permitted in City Parks or on City property unless the City Park or Property is listed on the Map of City Property where Mobile Food Vending is Generally Allowed. Visit <https://www.traverscitymi.gov/userfiles/filemanager/h6uqfw5sp5uo000mtryf/> to view this map.*
 No

14. Will there be alcohol? *Please note that some parks do not allow alcohol and that glass is not permitted on beaches; See attached regulation summary.*

- Yes, served and/or sold.
 No

Additionally, if the entity that will be serving the alcohol is different from the applicant, please provide the following information:

Contact person's name: _____

Organization name: _____

Organization mailing address: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Insurance Requirements for Alcohol being served or sold:

A Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1 million per occurrence, naming the City of Traverse City as additional insured is required. The certificate must list the following as certificate holder: City of Traverse City, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49684.

15. Will you be providing shuttle bus services?
 Yes, *please contact Parking Administration to coordinate services and also describe pick up and drop off points in narrative.*
 No

16. Is this a free event to the public? **Note: An event is not granted exclusive right to a City Park and shall be open to the general public without charge. A participant fee may be charged – for example, a person may walk through a vendor showcase, but would be charged a fee to participate in activities associated with the vendors.*

- Yes
 No, *please include an outline of ticketed events and prices in the Narrative.*

17. If charging a fee for activities associated with your event within a park, do you acknowledge that the park cannot be completely closed to the general public?

- Yes
 Not applicable

18. **For Open Space Only:** No High Impact Event in the Open Space may use more than two quadrants. Please refer to the attached map *Open Space Quadrant Layout*. Please circle which quadrant(s) your event will be utilizing (maximum of 2): **North South East West**

19. A detailed Narrative which fully describes all activities of your event, including a timeline from set-up to tear-down, is required. Did you attach the required Narrative?
- Yes
 - Not yet, but I understand the requirements
 - I need guidance, please

20. A site plan is required. Please attach a site plan depicting the location of all of the following, including any other relevant information:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| (A) Tents; | (I) Vehicle/Trailer Parking at event site – include the purpose of the vehicles/trailers; |
| (B) Table and Chairs; | (J) Portable Toilets - to the greatest extent possible, they shall be located so that they cannot be seen by outside spectators; |
| (C) Public Address system; | |
| (D) Stages; | |
| (E) Flames/fires/pyrotechnics; | |
| (F) Vending; | |
| (G) Barricades; | |
| (H) Police; | |

- 21a. Will you be closing any sections of streets?

- Yes
- No

If yes, you will need to work with the City Clerk's Office to submit a barricade plan that is logistically viable, and deemed acceptable by the Police, Fire, and Streets Departments.

Did you do so?

- Yes, I have verified my barricade plan with the City Clerk's Office
- Not yet, but I know exactly what is required for my plan
- I need guidance, please
- Not applicable

- 21b. Are you closing street(s) within the boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)/Central Business District?

- Yes
- No

If yes, the city requires that you submit a petition of support; the City Clerk's Office will provide you with a database and instructions on what is required. This requirement does not apply to events which close the street for less than one hour or events conducted/sponsored by the Downtown Traverse City Association.

ALL HIGH IMPACT EVENT HOLDERS – Please read and adhere to the following requirements:

- (a) With the exception of Low Impact Events where nothing is being set up in the park, the Applicant shall furnish to the City a certificate of insurance for Comprehensive General Liability in the amount of \$1 million per occurrence along with a separate page Endorsement to the policy naming the City of Traverse City as Additional Insured. If alcohol is being served or sold, the Applicant shall furnish to the City a certificate of insurance for liquor liability in the amount of \$1 million per occurrence policy, naming the City of Traverse City as additional insured. The City Clerk may require additional insurance coverage.
- (b) The Applicant shall be liable for all damages both to property and person and shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actual attorney fees, and settlement expenses resulting or arising out

of or in connection with the performance of the act for which this permit is issued. The obligations to defend indemnify and hold harmless shall exclude only those matters in which the claim arises out of allegations of the sole negligence or act of the City, its officers, agents or employees.

- (c) For winter events, the Applicant shall contact the Street Division Superintendent to address removal of snow
- (d) For Street Use Permits, at least two weeks before the event, the Applicant shall notify in writing all affected property owners and occupants along the route of the closure. The notice shall include the name of the event, a description of the event, time period, and the name and telephone number of a contact person.
- (e) The Applicant shall maintain a 20' wide center lane (10' on both sides of the center line) for emergency vehicles.
- (f) The tent/canopy membrane material shall be non-combustible, flame resistant, or treated in an approved manner in accordance with the Michigan Building Code. On-site inspection will be done by the Fire Marshal. The Applicant must contact the Fire Marshal at least 7 days before the event.
- (g) If displaying pyrotechnics, a unique site plan which meets regulatory requirements as well as an on-site inspection by the Fire Marshal is required.
- (h) For Street Use Permits, the Applicant shall provide watchmen and flagmen as may be necessary for the safety and convenience of the public and shall furnish all barricades, signs and lights necessary to protect the public and/or such additional barricades, signs and lights as required per part VI of the current Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD).
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- (k) The rights granted by this permit are revocable at the will of the City of Traverse City, and the Applicant waives any right to claim damages or compensation in the event that this permit is revoked.
- (l) If issued, a permit may not be transferred or assigned.
- (m) Unless otherwise waived in writing by the City Clerk, the applicant shall not place anything on the sides of non-motorized pathways that would create less than a 2' clear zone on both sides.

The undersigned, declares and says he/she wishes to be permitted to perform the operation, service or act stated hereon and that the statements made above are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, he/she will comply with all provisions of the ordinances and policies of the City of Traverse City (hereafter "City") relative to the operation, service or act for which the permit is requested, and agrees to hold the City free and harmless from all liability which may be imposed upon it, to reimburse the City for all expenses of litigation in connection with the defense of claims as such liability and claims may arise because of negligence in the performance of the work or act for which the permit was issued.

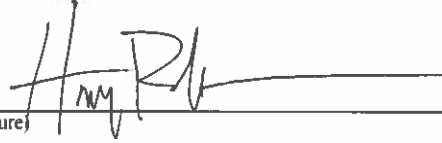
The undersigned acknowledges that the City may revoke a permit if the city determines information regarding the event was not accurately conveyed to the City on this application document or if the City's ordinances or policies are violated; and by signing, waives any claims of liability, financial or otherwise, against the City should a permit be revoked.

The applicant acknowledges that the City may be required from time to time to release records in its possession. The applicant hereby gives permission to the City to release any records or materials received by the city from the applicant as it may be requested to do so as permitted by the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq.

Date: 3/25/26

Authorized Applicant Representative:

Harry Burkholder
(Please print name)


(Signature)

From May 2, 2026, through October 31, 2026, every Saturday the market will need to be held at one of the three locations that we are requesting the permit for:

May 2-June 27 at Lot B

July 4-July 11 at Old Town Parking Deck

July 18-October 31 at Rotary Square

From June 3, 2026, through October 28, 2026, every Wednesday the market will need to be held at one of the three locations that we are requesting the permit for:

June 3-June 24 at Lot B

July 1- July 8 at Old Town Parking Deck

July 15-October 28 at Rotary Square

*Old Town Deck will need one permitted parking spot for SEEDS trailer-(onsite Market Manager) for the July 1-July 11 markets.+

**Rotary Square will need Lot K in its entirety for the market execution for the July 15-October 31 dates.+

+ This will need to be coordinated with Parking Services

Narrative - Sara Hardy Farmers Mkt

The Sara Hardy Farmers Market consists of vendors setting up tables/tents to sell local produce and value-added products. A limited amount of ready-to-eat goods are consumed on site, but the majority are taken home by customers. Vendors are required to set up their own spaces.

The number of vendors varies from week to week, as do the number of customers.

Some vendors will sell prepared food and/or qualify as Mobile Food Vendors. We require proof of permit from the City of Traverse City and Grand Traverse County Health Department.

The market is free for the public to attend. VMD Vendors are charged booth fees as follows:

★ Copy and paste booth fee structure from Market Rules ★

Farmers Market Permit Addendum

Saturday Market Days:

1. Close the alley at 7:00 AM (and reopen the alley at 12:15 PM) at Union Street and the edge of Rotary Square. Vehicle Barricades marked below in **red**, wooden barricades in **orange**. We will have a single barricade where the alley intersects with Cass, with a "NO THRU TRAFFIC" sign ◊ and a volunteer to help drivers navigate the closure. Emergency services will have full access at the Cass Street end of the alley.
2. Utilize the *all* parking spaces in Lot K for the Saturday market (Parking spots marked below in yellow and in picture). *W.P. Marshall*
3. *Wave* the fee to bag/reserve parking spaces for market days.



Other General Items

1. We will add signage in Lot K to indicate no overnight parking and towing.
2. Provide free parking for vendors in available lots and wave parking fee for their use.



Sara Hardy Farmers Market Projected Tent(s) Are:

 Area for small, portable (and removable) tents

