



MADISON PARKS

2026 SPECIAL EVENT FEES

OVERVIEW

The fees we charge for special event permits are to ensure we are managing public spaces in an equitable, safe, and sustainable way.

The fee structure is based on the size and complexity of each event. Larger or more complex events typically require more coordination, resources, and staff support, and therefore have higher fees than smaller, simpler events.

WHERE DOES IT GO? Majority of fees collected go to the City's General Fund.
Few exceptions (shelter fees, Ranger fees, Operation staff fees, equipment delivery, etc.)

Types of Fees:

Application & Reservation fees

Permit fees (amplified sound, temporary structures, vending, etc.)

City services/equipment, damage, materials

Neighborhood/Community Group permits

Open Space permits

Classes in Parks permits

Day Camps in Parks permits

Proposed Changes to the Special Event Fee Structure for 2026

Highlighted on the fee structure I handed around.

Removing: dumpster from fee structure – City no longer providing dumpsters

Adding and Restructuring: Weekly Farmers' Market fees

Adding: Vending in Parks (not associated with a Park Event permit)

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Increasing:

Damage to Property Remediation (Labor plus equipment costs per hour)

\$50 -> \$68

Based on calculation of hourly staff rate + hourly equipment usage

\$43.58/hr (PMW w/ 10yrs seniority)

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\$25/hr (~ FEMA schedule of equipment rates)

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