

Section 400 Definitions

Event Venue: A commercial use with or without permanent structures that hosts private social events not open to the general public, such as weddings, wedding rehearsals, wedding parties, reunions, and other celebrations related to graduations, anniversaries, retirements, or religious celebrations, and similar events with or without live entertainment, and which ~~provides no overnight accommodations~~ may provide overnight accommodations not to exceed 15 guests. This use does not include self-sponsored events, or events which require ticketed admission, such as concerts, dinner theater, or outdoor events and recreation.

Section 500

504 Zoning Districts

1. Rural Area.

a. Purpose.

Limited Residential Area. Home occupations and commercial activities in the rural area are grandfathered for their present use. Forestry, agricultural activities and residential uses except for mobile home parks are allowed in the rural area. Excessive growth and sprawl should be discouraged in the rural area.

b. Permitted Uses.

1. Accessory Apartment
2. Agriculture
3. Boarding Stable
4. Cemetery
5. Commercial Tower
6. Community Living Facility
7. Contractor's Yard
8. Day Care Facility
9. Duplex
10. Essential Services
11. Event Venue
12. Home Occupation
13. Individual Private Campsite
14. Manufactured Housing
15. Medical Marijuana Registered Caregiver (subject to the provisions of Section 614)
16. Mineral Exploration
17. Mobile Home
18. Multi-family Dwelling
19. Municipal Facility
20. Place of Worship
21. Public Facility
22. Residential Dwelling Unit
23. School
24. Seasonal Dwelling
25. Timber Harvesting
26. Yard Sale

Section 600 Performance Standards

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In addition to the standards below, all event venues will require an annual license from the Select Board and must abide by the standards, inspections, and permit requirements outlined in the Entertainment Ordinance under Sections 2.1, 2.3. and 2.4 along with all state and local regulations. Where conflict exists between standards in the Entertainment Ordinance with the standards outlined below, the stricter standard shall be enforced. The following standards shall be reviewed annually by the Select Board.

1. Minimum lot size. The minimum lot size for an Event Venue use is 30 acres.
2. Maximum capacity. The number of guests at the Event Venue shall not exceed one hundred ninety-nine (199) people.
3. Setback requirements.
 - a. All structures, both permanent and temporary, such as tents and outside spaces associated with the Event Venue must be set back ~~100-200~~ feet from all property lines.
 - i. If tents or temporary structures are to be used, they must be removed after 120 days beginning after the first day of setup.
 - ii. The Planning Board may grant a waiver for a setback reduction ~~of the to no less than one hundred (100)- feetfoot setback~~ for structures that ~~predated the effective date of the Land Use Ordinance~~ are at least one hundred (100) years old.
4. Hours of operation.
 - a. Events shall ~~start no earlier than 9:00 AM, and shall~~ end by 10:00 PM, with no outdoor cleanup activities after 11:00 PM.
 - b. No amplified music shall be allowed outdoors ~~in the Rural Zone~~ after 9:30 PM.
5. Noise.
 - a. Sustained sound levels from the Event Venue shall not exceed 55 dBA between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, and 45 dBA between 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM ~~70 dBA~~ as measured from any ~~point that is either 200 feet from an outside wall of a building where an event is being held or at the nearest~~ property line.
- ~~6.~~ Owner Occupancy. ~~Event Venues are allowed only on a property that the owner occupies as his or her primary residence.~~
 - a. ~~The owner /operator or operator~~ must be on-site for all events. ~~live on the Event Venue property.~~
- ~~6.7.~~ Number of Events.
 - a. No more than three (3) events shall be allowed per week at a single Event Venue.
 - ~~b.~~ Only one (1) event at a time shall be allowed at a single Event Venue.
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 - ~~c.~~ Event Venues shall only be allowed to operate between May and November. No more than fifty (50) total events per year are to be held at any Event Venue.

~~€—Individual events are limited to a maximum of three (3) days duration.~~

~~7.8.~~ Parking.

- a. The applicant shall demonstrate and show on the site plan that there is adequate parking to accommodate the number of anticipated guests.
- b. Adequate parking shall be provided for all employees and staff and shall be labeled on the site plan.
- c. All event venues shall provide for adequate handicap parking and accessibility.
- d. Parking must not obstruct public roads or access to abutting properties.
- d. Parking areas must be screened to soften visual impacts from the road and abutting properties.
- ~~e. No parking shall be permitted within the front setback.~~
- ~~f.e.~~ Parking shall be configured so as to not create unsafe conditions or be hazardous to vehicular traffic.

~~8.9.~~ Food and drink service.

- a. A Restaurant use is not allowed as part of an Event Venue.
- b. Parties that are securing the Event Venue for their function ~~shall be responsible for providing the~~ are responsible for arranging a catering or Mobile Vendor ~~service~~. The Event Venue ~~will not~~ may provide catering services.
- c. Alcohol ~~service must be~~ can only be served if the event is catered and the alcohol service must be provided through the caterer's liquor license.
 - ~~i.~~ ~~i.~~ For non-catered events no alcohol shall be served.

~~9.10.~~ ~~There shall be no camping for overnight accommodations.~~

~~10.11.~~ ~~No fireworks are allowed with any event.~~