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§ 102-74.460 What is the scope of this subpart?

This subpart establishes rules and regulations for the occasional use of public areas of public buildings for cultural, educational and recreational activities as provided by 40 U.S.C. 581(h)(2).

Application for Permit

§ 102-74.465 Is a person or organization that wishes to use a public area required to apply for a permit from a Federal agency?

Yes, any person or organization wishing to use a public area must file an application for a permit from the Federal agency buildings manager.

§ 102-74.470 What information must persons or organizations submit so that Federal agencies may consider their application for a permit?

Applicants must submit the following information:

- (a) Their full names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers.
- (b) The organization sponsoring the proposed activity.
- (c) The individual(s) responsible for supervising the activity.
- (d) Documentation showing that the applicant has authority to represent the sponsoring organization.
- (e) A description of the proposed activity, including the dates and times during which it is to be conducted and the number of persons to be involved.

§ 102-74.475 If an applicant proposes to use a public area to solicit funds, is the applicant required to make a certification?

Yes, if an applicant proposes to use a public area to solicit funds, the applicant must certify, in writing, that
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- (a) The applicant is a representative of and will be soliciting funds for the sole benefit of a religion or religious group; or
- (b) The applicant's organization has received an official ruling of tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service under 26 U.S.C. 501; or, alternatively, that an application for such a ruling is still pending.

Permits

§ 102-74.480 How many days does a Federal agency have to issue a permit following receipt of a completed application?

Federal agencies must issue permits within 10 working days following the receipt of the completed applications, unless the permit is disapproved in accordance with §102-74.500.

§ 102-74.485 Is there any limitation on the length of time of a permit?

Yes, a permit may not be issued for a period of time in excess of 30 calendar days, unless specifically approved by the Regional Officer (as defined in §102-71.20 of this chapter). After the expiration of a permit, Federal agencies may issue a new permit upon submission of a new application. In such a case, applicants may incorporate by reference all required information filed with the prior application.

§ 102-74.490 What if more than one permit is requested for the same area and time?

Federal agencies will issue permits on a first-come, first-served, basis when more than one permit is requested for the same area and times.

§ 102-74.495 If a permit involves demonstrations or activities that may lead to civil disturbances, what action must a Federal agency take before approving such a permit application?

Before approving a permit application, Federal agencies must coordinate with their law enforcement organization if a permit involves demonstrations or activities that may lead to civil disturbances.

Disapproval of Applications or Cancellation of Permits

§ 102-74.500 Can Federal agencies disapprove permit applications or cancel issued permits?

Yes, Federal agencies may disapprove any permit application or cancel an issued permit if—

(a) The applicant has failed to submit all information required under §§102-74.470 and 102-74.475, or has falsified such information;

(b) The proposed use is a commercial activity as defined in §102-71.20 of this chapter;

(c) The proposed use interferes with access to the public area, disrupts official Government business, interferes with approved uses of the property by tenants or by the public, or damages any property;

(d) The proposed use is intended to influence or impede any pending judicial proceeding;

(e) The proposed use is obscene within the meaning of obscenity as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1461-65; or

(f) The proposed use violates the prohibition against political solicitations in 18 U.S.C. 607.

§ 102-74.505 What action must Federal agencies take after disapproving an application or canceling an issued permit?

Upon disapproving an application or canceling a permit, Federal agencies must promptly—

(a) Notify the applicant or permittee of the reasons for the action; and

(b) Inform the applicant or permittee of his/her appeal rights under §102–74.510.

Appeals

§ 102-74.510 How may the disapproval of a permit application or cancellation of an issued permit be appealed?

A person or organization may appeal the disapproval of an application or cancellation of an issued permit by notifying the Regional Officer (as defined in §102–71.20 of this chapter), in writing, of the intent to appeal within 5 calendar days of the notification of disapproval or cancellation.

§ 102-74.515 Will the affected person or organization and the Federal agency buildings manager have an opportunity to state their positions on the issues?

Yes, during the appeal process, the affected person or organization and the Federal agency buildings manager will have an opportunity to state their positions on the issues, both verbally and in writing.

§ 102-74.520 How much time does the Regional Officer have to affirm or reverse the Federal agency buildings manager's decision after receiving the notification of appeal from the affected person or organization?

The Regional Officer must affirm or reverse the Federal agency buildings manager's decision, based on the information submitted, within 10 calendar days of the date on which the Regional Officer received notification of the appeal. If the decision is not rendered within 10 days, the application will be considered to be approved or the permit validly issued. The Regional Officer will promptly notify the applicant or permittee and the buildings manager of the decision and the reasons therefor.

Schedule of Use

§ 102-74.525 May Federal agencies reserve time periods for the use of public areas for official Government business or for maintenance, repair and construction?

Yes, Federal agencies may reserve certain time periods for use of public areas—

(a) For official Government business; or

(b) For maintenance, repair, and construction.

Hours of Use

§ 102-74.530 When may public areas be used?

Permittees may use public areas during or after regular working hours of Federal agencies, provided that such uses will not interfere with Government business. When public areas are used by permittees after normal working hours, Federal agencies must lock, barricade or identify by signs, as appropriate, all adjacent areas not approved for such use to restrict permittees' activities to approved areas.

Services and Costs

§ 102-74.535 What items may Federal agencies provide to permittees free of charge?

Federal agencies may provide to permittees at no cost—

(a) Space; and

(b) Services normally provided at the building in question during normal hours of building operation, such as security, cleaning, heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning. The Regional Officer must approve an applicant's request to provide its own services, such as security and cleaning, prior to permit approval.

§ 102-74.540 What are the items for which permittees must reimburse Federal agencies?

Permittees must reimburse Federal agencies for services over and above those normally provided during normal business hours. Federal agencies may provide the services free of charge if the cost is insignificant and if it is in the public interest.

§ 102-74.545 May permittees make alterations to the public areas?

Permittees must not make alterations to public areas, except with the prior written approval of the Federal agency buildings manager. Federal agencies must not approve such alterations unless the Federal agency determines that the proposed alterations to a building should be made to encourage and aid in the proposed use. Permittees making alterations must ensure the safety of users and prevent damage to property.

§ 102-74.550 What items are permittees responsible for furnishing?

Permittees are responsible for furnishing items such as tickets, audio-visual equipment, and other items that are necessary for the proposed use.

Conduct

§ 102-74.555 What rules of conduct must all permittees observe while on Federal property?

Permittees are subject to all rules and regulations governing conduct on Federal property as set forth in subpart C of this part. In addition, a permittee must—

- (a) Not misrepresent his or her identity to the public;
- (b) Not conduct any activities in a misleading or fraudulent manner;
- (c) Not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, age, color, disability, sex, or national origin in conducting activities;
- (d) Not distribute any item, nor post or otherwise affix any item, for which prior written approval under §102-74.415 has not been obtained;
- (e) Not leave leaflets or other materials unattended on the property;
- (f) Not engage in activities that would interfere with the preferences afforded blind licensees under the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 U.S.C. 107); and
- (g) Display identification badges while on Federal property, if engaging in the solicitation of funds as authorized by §102-74.475. Each badge must indicate the permittee's name, address, telephone number, and organization.

Non-affiliation With the Government

§ 102-74.560 May Federal agencies advise the public of the presence of any permittees and their non-affiliation with the Federal Government?

Yes, Federal agencies reserve the right to advise the public through signs or announcements of the presence of any permittees and of their non-affiliation with the Federal Government.