



Washoe County Code: Outdoor Festivals – Public Safety

The following are extracts of sections within the County Code relating to public safety and financial security requirements of an outdoor festival.

WCC 25.291 Licensing conditions: Police Protection. A licensee must employ sheriff's deputies or other police protection, to include private security firms or agencies as necessary for the public health, safety and welfare. The sheriff shall determine the numbers and types of officer or security personnel necessary to preserve order and protect persons and property in and around the place of the festival.

WCC 25.299 Licensing conditions: Fire protection.

1. A licensee must provide adequate fire protection, first aid equipment, and fire extinguishing equipment to protect the public health, safety and welfare. If the event is to be conducted in a hazardous area as determined by the chief or chiefs of the responsible fire protection agency or agencies, considering all relevant factors, including without limitation the event location and nature, the nature of the surrounding area, and probable weather conditions, a licensee must employ fire guards and must remove flammable vegetation and other fire hazards.
2. The chief of the responsible fire protection agency;
 - a. Shall determine the necessary number and types of equipment and personnel required under subsection 1 of this section;
 - b. May determine that an event is proposed in a hazardous fire area;
 - c. Shall approve the suitability of fire guards required to be employed by the licensee; and
 - d. Shall determine the manner and quantity of flammable vegetation and other fire hazards that must be removed.

WCC 25.301 Licensing conditions: Financial ability to meet conditions. A licensee must provide proof of the financial ability of the applicants to meet the conditions of the license.

WCC 25.305 Licensing conditions: Performance security. A licensee must post a performance security in the form of surety bond, letter of credit, certificate of deposit, cash bond or other instrument approved by the district attorney. The amount of the security shall be adequate to cover the cost of fulfilling specified conditions of the license approval including, without limitation the costs of removing debris, trash or other waste from, in and around the premises of the event.