



2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade



Friday, March 13, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Department of Business & Neighborhood Services
Information Packet

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Summary

Section 986-201 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis states, “notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the following activity shall be permitted within the special event zone boundaries during a civic sponsored special event, provided that a limited duration license is first issued by the division of construction and business services.”

This packet summarizes activities affected by the implemented clean zones that may necessitate limited duration licenses (LDL). An LDL, defined by section 986-101 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, is “a license issued by the division of construction and business services for a limited time frame within a defined area and for certain activities as authorized by this chapter.”

LDLs are subject to review by the event sponsor and are required for any activity listed below:

- Temporary Vending
- Sampling
- Temporary Signs
- Temporary Structures
- Currently Licensed Activity
- Use of Previously Vacant Structures
- Mobile Wireless Facilities

Additionally, a clean zone timeline, a map of the clean zone, frequently asked questions, and contact information for the Event Sponsor and the Department of Business & Neighborhood Services are provided within this packet.

A copy of [Chapter 986](#) of the Revised Code is posted on the Special Events website: www.indy.gov/activity/special-events-permits.

For questions and information, please contact the Department of Business & Neighborhood Services by phone, 317-327-1617, or email, SpecialEvents@indy.gov.

Please be advised that all information included in this packet is provided for informational purposes and may be subject to change. Changes and modifications will be posted on the special events [website](#).

Relevant Dates

February 10

Distribution of clean zone Information Packet

Department of Business & Neighborhood Services (“BNS”) begins accepting applications for all limited duration licenses (“LDLs”)

Spaces within existing buildings that are vacant on this date are required to obtain an LDL prior to occupancy.

March 10

Final day to submit temporary structure LDL applications and structural permit applications to BNS to ensure proper processing for the temporary activity period

Final day to submit LDL applications to BNS for:

- Vending
- Sampling
- Signs
- Temporary Structures
- Currently Unlicensed Parking Facilities
- Currently Licensed Activity
- Mobile Wireless Facilities

March 12

Initial day that licensed temporary signs may be erected

Initial day that licensed mobile wireless facilities may be erected

Construction of licensed temporary and permitted temporary structures may begin

Construction of licensed mobile wireless facilities may begin

Final day LDLs will be issued for a previously vacant structure

Public may occupy all permitted and licensed temporary structures

March 13

Event activity period begins, clean zone requirements are in effect

Initial time that licensed temporary vending may begin

Initial time that licensed sampling may begin

March 13

Event activity period ends. All temporary licensed activity must cease (Including, but not limited to, occupancy of temporary structures)

March 14

All licensed temporary structures must be completely removed

Licensed temporary signs must be completely removed

Licensed mobile wireless facilities must be completely removed

Activity Specific Information

Cart Vendors

Cart vendors must remain in their annually designated cart vendor zones. Cart vendors are not required to obtain an LDL if they stay within their zones, even if their zone overlaps with the clean zone.

Pedal Cabs

Currently licensed pedal cabs are not required to obtain an LDL to operate within the clean zone.

Food Trucks

No vendor may set up within fifty (50) feet of the clean zone boundaries without an LDL and direct approval from the event sponsor. Temporary vending LDLs are \$75.00.

Downtown Restaurants, Bars, and Hotels

As with previous civic sponsored special events, any temporary vending, structures, or signage placed outdoors will require event sponsor approval and the issuance of an LDL from the Department of Business and Neighborhood Services. The fee for each LDL is \$75.00.

Vending includes but is not limited to, selling, or distributing goods, free or for a cost, directly to the public that is otherwise not permitted within the scope of your license.

Sidewalk Cafés

This clean zone will not affect the day-to-day operations of existing sidewalk cafes; however, there should be no outdoor vending directly from your café to the public. Any temporary structures, signage, or vending, that is otherwise prohibited will require an LDL and event sponsor approval.

Shared Mobility Devices

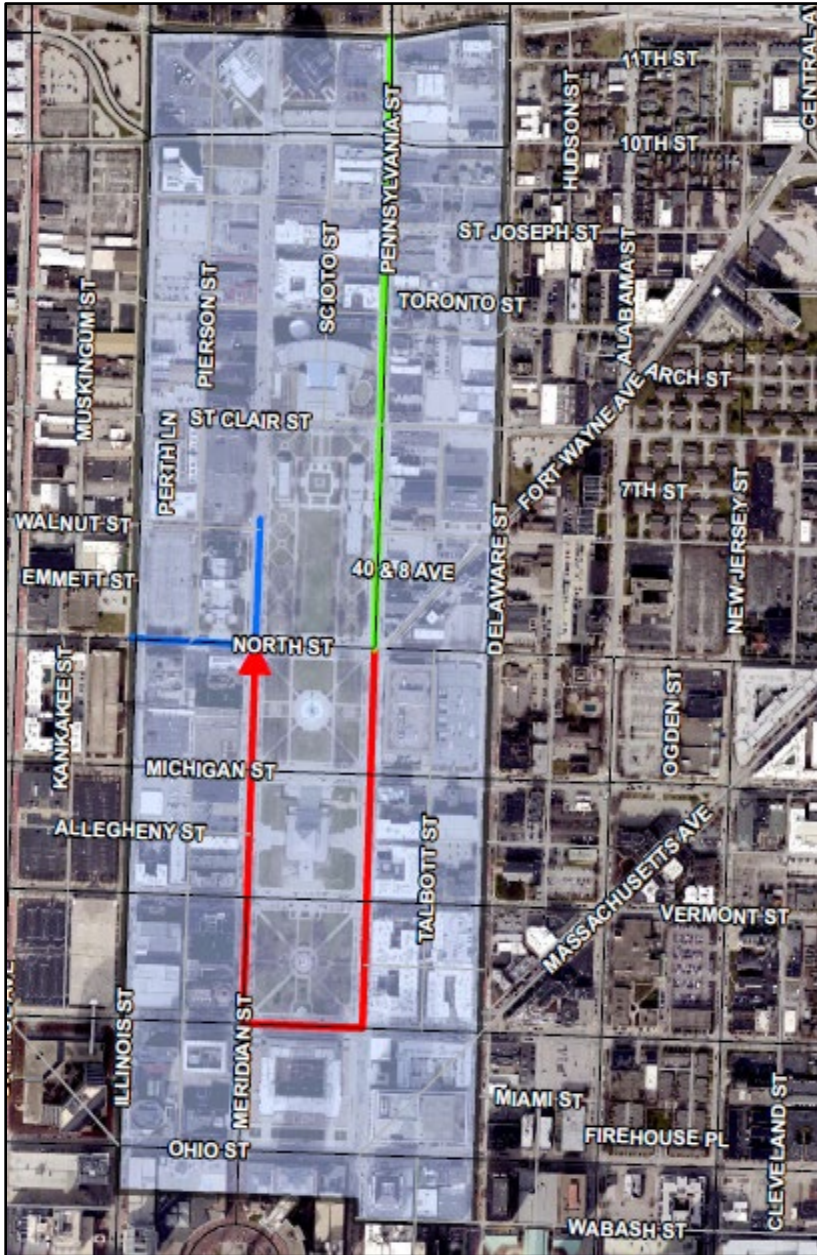
All shared mobility devices are prohibited from operating within the clean zone for the duration of this event. Shared mobility operators shall geofence the entire clean zone for the duration of this event.

Any unauthorized activity operating within the clean zone during the period designated above is subject to enforcement action from BNS inspectors and IMPD.

Clean Zone Map

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	Parade Route
	Parade Marshalling Area
	Parade De-marshalling Area
	Parade Clean Zone

Boundaries

North - 11th Street between Illinois Street and Delaware Street

South - Wabash Street between Illinois Street and Delaware Street

East - Delaware Street between 11th Street and Wabash Street

West - Illinois Street between 11th Street and Wabash Street

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What is the clean zone?

A: The clean zone is a geographically defined area where an event sponsor can approve temporary activity based on the content or type of such activity. This approval is limited to temporary activity. Decisions are made in conjunction with the City of Indianapolis to ensure that the interests of residents and neighbors are balanced with those of the event.

Q: How will my existing business operation be affected by the clean zone?

A: All lawful, existing business operations not engaging in temporary activity will not be affected by a special event or creation of a clean zone. If you wish to make an improvement during this period that is not temporary, you will use the typical process to obtain permits, regional center approval, etc.

Q: If I am erecting a temporary structure that has advertising signs or mobile food set up within it, do I need to obtain multiple LDLs?

A: Yes, a separate LDL application, fee, and approval are required for each type of temporary activity. For example, a tent with a large advertisement imprinted on its roof would require an LDL for the temporary structure and the temporary sign. If the tent were to sell food or beverages, an LDL would also be necessary for the temporary vending.

Q: How do I apply for an LDL?

A: All LDL applications are available online at <https://www.indy.gov/activity/special-events-permits>. All LDL applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the Department of Business and Neighborhood Services via email, specialevents@indy.gov, or mail, 200 E. Washington Street, Suite 107, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Contact Information



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