



# DALLAS PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS TOOLKIT

## LEGAL DISCLAIMER

This is not legal advice. This flowchart provides general information about Dallas' permitting process. Laws and regulations may change. For specific legal guidance, consult with a qualified attorney. Always verify current requirements with official city sources.



**START:** Planning a Demonstration in Dallas



### RECOMMENDED FIRST STEP

File First Amendment Activity Request Form

Notifies Dallas Police Department of your planned protest - helps avoid confusion even if no permit required



Will your event have 100+ people and involve street closures, restricted access, sales of food/alcohol/merchandise, large tents, stages or bleachers, use of City Hall plaza, runs/walks/parades, or large signs in public rights-of-way?



**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**  
Office of Special Events (OSE)  
Fees: \$50-\$700 (attendance based)  
Deadline: 30-120 days advance



Will you use amplified sound equipment?



**NOISE CODE COMPLIANCE**  
Must comply with Dallas noise ordinance  
Restrictions: 150ft from residences  
Hours: 8am-sunset only  
No permit required if compliant



Will your event take place in Dallas city parks?



**PARK PERMIT APPLICATION**  
Office of Special Events  
Dallas Park & Recreation  
Deadline: 30-60 days advance



### NO PERMIT NEEDED

First Amendment activities, regardless of size, generally do not require a permit as long as they do not obstruct public rights-of-way and do not use amplified sound.

### Important Reminders

- Apply early to avoid late fees (\$40/day)
- Dallas requires 100+ people or specific activities (street use, large tents, amplified sound) to trigger permit requirements
- Always file the First Amendment Activity Request form to notify Dallas Police Department of your planned protest
- OSE coordination is required if your event is taking place on Parks & Recreation and/or City of Dallas owned property.

Office of Special Events  
Primary Coordinator  
214-939-2701

Dallas Park & Recreation  
Park Events  
214-670-8740