CHAPTER 15A

USE OF STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Authority

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

17:15A–1.1 Scope

"State regulated buildings and grounds" shall include all buildings, grounds, sidewalks, plazas, open areas and streets owned, leased, rented, controlled, used or occupied by the State of New Jersey which are subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury.

17:15A–1.2 General public areas

Every person shall be allowed to distribute any written or printed materials, demonstrate, picket, make a speech, hold a vigil or other ceremony in any area of a State-regulated building which is open to the general public, subject to the following regulations.

17:15A–1.3 Permits; application to gather

Any group of ten or more persons intending to gather within State-regulated buildings and grounds for the purpose of demonstrating, picketing, marching, making speeches, holding vigils or ceremonies shall, at least 72 hours prior to the intended gathering, apply for a permit from the State Governmental Security Bureau, Room 106, State House, West State Street, Trenton.

17:15A–1.4 Issuance of permits for gathering

(a) The State Governmental Security Bureau shall issue such a permit not later than 24 hours prior to the time of the intended gathering unless it finds that the intended activity will:

1. Unreasonably interfere with the movement of traffic or persons within State-regulated buildings and grounds, or

2. Unreasonably interfere with the use of State-regulated buildings and grounds, or

3. Endanger the health and safety of either the applicants for the permit or any other persons.

17:15A–1.5 Permit for use of sound amplification equipment

Any person intending to use any sound amplification equipment within State-regulated buildings and grounds shall, at least 72 hours prior to the intended use of such equipment, apply for a permit from the State Governmental Security Bureau, Room 106, State House, West State Street, Trenton.

17:15A–1.6 Issuance of permits for use of sound amplification equipment

The State Governmental Security Bureau shall issue such a permit no later than 24 hours prior to the time of the intended use of such equipment unless it finds that the use of such equipment will unreasonably interfere with the use of State-regulated buildings and grounds.

17:15A–1.7 Application contingencies

(a) The State Governmental Security Bureau may issue permits in accordance with Sections 4 and 6 above, contingent upon the applicants providing their own marshals and/or remaining in certain areas, and/or not exceeding maximum occupancy levels of State-regulated buildings or parts thereof, and/or any other provision the Bureau may deem necessary for the safety of the applicants and/or other persons.

(b) Marshals shall be required to organize clean-up crews for removal of litter both during and after demonstrations.

17:15A–1.8 (Reserved)

As amended, R.1972 d.205, effective October 13, 1972.
See: 4 N.J.R. 284(a).

17:15A–1.9 Remaining in buildings after business hours

No person, except State employees or persons having authorized business in such building, shall enter or remain in any State-regulated building for any purpose outside of the hours fixed for the normal business day.

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17:15A–1.10 Disorderly or disruptive conduct

No person shall utter threatening or abusive language, or engage in any other disorderly or disruptive activity within any State-regulated buildings and grounds.

17:15A–1.11 Obstructing the use of areas

No person shall obstruct the use of entrances, exits, foyers, lobbies, corridors, offices, elevators, stairways, sidewalks, streets and parking lots within State-regulated buildings and grounds, or in any way impede or disturb State employees in the performance of their duties within State-regulated buildings and grounds, or in any way impede or disturb the general public within State-regulated buildings and grounds.

17:15A–1.12 Damage to property

No person shall deface, destroy, or cause damage to any building, furniture, fixture, accessory, tree, shrubbery, fountain or any State equipment or traffic and pedestrian and crowd-control device within State-regulated buildings and grounds.

17:15A–1.13 Signs and related items

(a) No person shall carry any type of sign, poster, banner, placard, or the like, within any State-regulated building.

(b) Such signs, posters, banners or placards intended for use in demonstrations outside State-regulated buildings shall be made solely of paper and/or cardboard and attached to the person and not supported by or framed by wood, metal or any other material of a firm nature.

(c) They shall not in any way be affixed to the premises or self-supporting, or leaned against any wall or partition.

(d) Nothing in these rules and regulations shall, however, prohibit the wearing of buttons and badges upon the clothing of any person.

17:15A–1.14 Mass Gathering Review Board authority

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to limit the authority of the Mass Gathering Review Board in the New Jersey Department of Health, created pursuant to L.971, c.205, p. 970.

17:15A–1.15 Senate or General Assembly proceedings

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to limit the authority of either the Senate or the General Assembly to control their own proceedings.

17:15A–1.16 Emergencies

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to limit the authority of the State Governmental Security Bureau to take necessary action to prevent the safety of building occupants in time of emergency.

17:15A–1.17 Penalties

Anyone failing to comply with these regulations shall be subject to ejection from State-regulated buildings and grounds and/or prosecution for trespass under N.J.S.A. 2A:170–31 and/or other criminal proceedings under the applicable State statutes and municipal ordinances.