



New London Police Department Sailfest 2024 Downtown Business Informational Handout



With this year's upcoming Sailfest Event the New London Police Department is looking for assistance from the downtown businesses to make this event successful. The event will take place on Saturday July 13 – 10 AM (5AM road closures) through Sunday July 14 at 7 PM. The event is expected to draw several hundred thousand visitors, with over 100 vendors in the downtown area.

With the anticipation of large crowds, we are providing general information for establishments participating for the first time and as a refresher for our seasoned participants. Getting this information out to you in advance reduces the risk of miscommunication and provides you with our expectations in the interest of public safety. Our goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all to enjoy, business owners and patrons alike.

Street closures for the event are as follows:

- **Saturday** starting at 5:00 AM and will continue overnight:
 - State Street between Eugene O'Neill Drive and Bank Street
 - Bank Street between Tilley Street and State Street

ROADS WILL NOT BE OPEN OVERNIGHT BETWEEN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT ANY TIME
- **Sunday** continuing until 7:00 PM- State Street between:
 - Eugene O'Neill Drive and Bank Street
 - Bank Street between Tilley Street and State Street.
- Access to South Water Street will be made via Atlantic Street to Water Street to South Water Street. This access is mainly to provide access to mass transit as required by federal law, but this will also provide VERY LIMITED ACCESS for employees of downtown businesses. Keep in mind, this is LIMITED and when busy, your access maybe denied so please plan accordingly. Deliveries during this time are discouraged for this reason. This is especially after 3PM. There will be no guarantee at any time that access will be granted after the 5 AM road closures, however, we will try to work with you as much as we can.
- There will be no parking on South Water Street, Bank Street from Tilley Street to State Street and State Street from South Water to Eugene O'Neill Drive beginning at 4:00 AM on Saturday. This is in effect until the event's conclusion on Sunday at 7:00 PM. Vehicles in these locations will be towed at the owner's expense.

Noise- Live Entertainment, DJ's or amplified music:

- If you are planning on having any loudspeakers or sound amplifying device on your patio, deck, or storefront it must be in compliance with New London City Ordinance Sec. 14-3- Noises-

b) It shall be unlawful for any person to use, play or operate any loudspeaker or sound-amplifying device from any stand, platform or any other structures or part of any structure which abuts or is adjacent to a public place or street or to use, play or operate any loudspeaker or sound-amplifying device which is attached to the outside of any building, or premises abutting or adjacent to a public place or street, without first obtaining a permit from the chief of police or his/her designee, as set forth in subsection (j) of this section, except for public functions or emergency use. Permits shall list the specific days and hours of operation as determined by the needs of the applicant and the comfort of the public.

j) (1) Upon verifying that a person is eligible to be issued a permit, the chief of police or his/her designee may give permission to a person to allow the use or operation of a loudspeaker or sound-amplifying device between 7:00 a.m. and **12:00 a.m. (midnight) on Saturday**. Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by fine of not more than \$250.00.

If you have any loud speaker or sound amplifying device indoors your exterior door to may not remain in the open position. Attached is a copy of a blank noise permit with an example of a completed one attached as well. If you are considering having amplified noise please submit try and submit your permits early.

Establishments in violation of this ordinance may face closure for the duration of the event.

Applicable Liquor Control Laws

Sec. 30-86. Sale or delivery to minors, intoxicated persons and habitual drunkards prohibited- (b) (1) Any permittee or any servant or agent of a permittee who sells or delivers alcoholic liquor to any minor or any intoxicated person, or to any habitual drunkard, knowing the person to be such a habitual drunkard, shall be subject to the penalties of section 30-113.

Sec. 30-90. Loitering on permit premises - Any permittee who, by himself, his servant or agent, permits any minor or any person to whom the sale or gift of alcoholic liquor has been forbidden according to law to loiter on his premises where such liquor is kept for sale, shall be subject to the penalties of section 30-113.

Sec. 30-91. Hours and days of closing - (a) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under permits shall be unlawful on (2) Saturday between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.; (3) Sunday between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. **(All persons who are not employees must be off the premises by 2:00 A.M. No exceptions. There can be no drinks on the bar.) This will be strictly enforced on Saturday night of the event.**

City Ordinance Sec. 3-2. - Consumption and carrying in public places restricted- (a) Except as specifically exempted in subsection (b), no person shall consume or carry any opened beer, wine, or any other alcoholic beverage, the sale or distribution of which is regulated by the liquor control act of the state, upon the public streets, highways, sidewalks or alleyways of the city, nor in any building or upon any land owned by the city. **(Please ensure your security staff are not allowing patrons to leave the establishments with alcoholic beverages.)** There will be no alcohol sales on sidewalks or roadways unless those locations are specifically covered by your liquor permit. There are also no sales to passersby, alcohol must stay and be consumed on the premises outlined by your permit.

Please plan accordingly for the event with regards to staffing and security. If there are any establishments that have repeated disturbances or fights, or show that security cannot be maintained independently, the location will be shut down in the interest of public safety.

Occupancy/Capacity - Please know your establishment's maximum occupancy. The New London Fire Marshal's Office with assistance of the New London Police Department will be conducting inspections throughout the event to ensure compliance with Fire Code.

You will see many officers from New London as well as other agencies on foot downtown throughout the event. There will also be members of the New London Fire Department and Lawrence and Memorial Paramedic staff downtown as well. If you are in need of emergency assistance, call 911, for all other non-emergencies please use the contact number below.

860-442-4444 (New London Emergency Communication Center non-emergency number)

On behalf of the New London Police Department, we hope that you all have a fun and safe Sailfest 2024 and we look forward to working with all of you to make this event a success. If you have any questions or concerns about this event, we will be available to try and provide you with the information. Thank you for your assistance.

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