

DILLON COUNTY
APPLICATION FOR USE OF
COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Legal Status of Applicant: _____

Requested Date of Use: _____

Requested Hours of Use: _____

If the application is approved, the Applicant agrees to abide by the Courthouse Grounds Policy attached.

Special Conditions (if any): _____

The applicant agrees to abide by the Courthouse Grounds Policy.

Applicant

Address of Applicant:

Telephone: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Application is approved subject to the Courthouse Grounds Policy.

Dillon County

By: _____

I have reviewed the application and it will not interfere with scheduled court functions.

Clerk of Court

COURTHOUSE GROUNDS POLICY
For Nongovernmental Uses

WHEREAS, Dillon County recognizes the right of its citizens to peacefully assemble;
and

WHEREAS, Dillon County desires to provide public access to its historic courthouse grounds; and

WHEREAS, Dillon County wishes to preserve the security of the Dillon County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Dillon County wishes to preserve the natural beauty of the grounds surrounding the Dillon County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Dillon County recognizes that the Clerk of Court for Dillon County maintains control and jurisdiction over the interior of the Dillon County Courthouse as well as the immediate entrances to the Courthouse;

NOW, THEREFORE, Dillon County Council passes the following policy in regard to use of the grounds surrounding the Dillon County Courthouse.

1. That the area available on the grounds of the Dillon County Courthouse for peaceful assembly is limited to the area in the front of the Dillon County Courthouse facing Main Street and adjacent to the public walkway leading from Main Street to the Main Street entrance of the Dillon County Courthouse.
2. That the right of peaceful assembly excludes the use of the front steps to the Dillon County Courthouse for security reasons and no person(s) shall loiter or assemble on any of the steps to the Dillon County Courthouse.
3. That no placards, signs, or messages shall be placed upon or erected on the grounds of the Dillon County Courthouse except persons wishing to peacefully assemble shall be allowed a portable podium upon which can be affixed the name or identification of the group so assembling.
4. Nothing herein prohibits persons from wearing signs or signage on their clothes nor holding signs or placards while peacefully assembling.
5. No group or persons shall be allowed to assemble if such assembly interferes with the conducting of court or other governmental functions at the Dillon County Courthouse and said assemblies must be held at a time when court is not taking place.

6. Assemblies will only be allowed at such time when adequate security is available or can be available through the Dillon County Police Department or the Dillon County Sheriff's Department.
7. That the right to peacefully assemble shall be held only during the daylight hours and the use of the courthouse grounds by groups or individuals for any purpose is limited to daylight hours.
8. That the right to peacefully assemble shall not interfere with access to the Dillon County Courthouse or impede access to the Dillon County Courthouse.
9. Persons wishing to assemble or groups wishing to assemble shall first make application to Dillon County through the Clerk of Court for Dillon County which application form is to be produced by the Dillon County Clerk of Court and approved by Dillon County Council in accordance with this policy.
10. That any group or persons wishing to use the grounds of the Dillon County Courthouse to assemble shall make application and said application shall specify the hours for said event and shall abide by the rules set forth herein.
11. That the use of amplifying devices cannot be of a nature to interfere with governmental functions conducted in the Dillon County Courthouse.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by Dillon County Council that Dillon County Council wishes to recognize the right of citizens to peacefully assemble at the Dillon County Courthouse to express their views provided that said assemblies do not interfere with the use of the Dillon County Courthouse; the right of citizens' access to the Dillon County Courthouse; provide a security threat or interfere with access to the public records and court functions at the Dillon County Courthouse; and do not provide a health or safety concern to the citizens of Dillon County.

RESOLVED by Dillon County Council this 25th day of April, 2012.

By: 
Its: Chairman