

Notice of Intent to Picket or Rally

Date: _____

Notice of Intent to Picket. (a) Notification Required. The organizer of a picket that the organizer knows, or should reasonably know, that will be by a group of twenty (20) or more individuals shall give notice of intent to picket to the Lumpkin County Sheriff and the City of Dahlonega City Manager or their designees at least forty-eight (48) hours before the beginning of the picket. The notice of intent to picket shall include the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Name of the Organization or group sponsoring the event: _____

Contact Information of the person giving notice of intent to picket if different from the organizer

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Location or route where the picket is to take place: _____

Date and time the picket will begin and end: _____

Anticipated number of participants, and the basis of which this estimate is made:

Picketing Regulations.

- (a) Picketing may be conducted on public sidewalks or other city-owned property normally used or reserved for pedestrian movement and shall not be conducted on the portion of the public roadway used primarily for vehicular traffic.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), picketing may not be conducted at a:
 - (i) City-controlled park or on other property during a festival that has been permitted at that particular property or when that property has been otherwise reserved for private use;
 - (ii) on a median strip; or
 - (iii) within 200 feet of a dwelling or building which is the focus or target of a protest or gathering.
- (c) Picketing shall not disrupt, block, obstruct or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic into any driveway, pedestrian entrance, or other access to buildings, which abut the public sidewalks.

- (d) Written or printed placards or signs, flags, or banners carried by individuals engaged in picketing and/or carried on the sidewalks or other city-owned areas, shall not exceed three square feet as to allow safe and unobstructed passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic. The staff or pole on which a sign, flag, or banner may be carried shall be made of corrugated material, plastic, or wood, and shall not exceed forty inches in length and shall not be made of metal or metal alloy. If made of wood, the staff or pole shall be no greater than three fourths inch in diameter at any point. A staff or pole must be blunt at both ends.
- (e) If more than one group of picketers desire to picket at the same time at or near the same location, law enforcement officers may, without regard to the purpose or content of the message, assign each group a place to picket in order to preserve the public peace. Members of a group shall not enter an area assigned to another group. Priority of location shall be based upon which group of picketers arrived first.
- (f) Spectators of pickets shall not physically interfere with individuals engaged in picketing. Picketers and spectators of pickets shall not speak fighting words or threat that would tend to provoke a reasonable person to a breach of the peace.
- (g) Picketers and picketing shall be subject to all applicable local, state and federal laws.
- (h) Nothing in this section prohibits a law enforcement officer from issuing a command to disperse in the event of a riot or disorderly conduct, or otherwise enforce local and state law.
- (i) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of this section.

Definitions:

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Picket or picketing, means to make a public display or demonstration of sentiment for or against a person or cause, including protesting which may include the distribution of leaflets or handbills, the display of signs and any oral communication or speech, which may involve an effort to persuade or influence, including all expressive and symbolic conduct, whether active or passive.

Sidewalk means that portion of the street right-of-way which is designated for the use of pedestrians and may be paved or unpaved and shall include easements and rights of ways.

Street means the entire width between property or right-of-way lines of every way or place of whatever nature, when any part thereof is open to the use of the public as a matter of right, for the purposes of vehicular traffic, including that portion that is known as the shoulder of the roadway and the curb. The terms highway and street and their cognates are synonymous as used herein.

Receipt of Notification. Upon notice of intent to picket given in accordance with subsection (a), the City Manager or designee shall immediately issue a receipt of notice. The receipt shall contain all information stated in the notice. The organizer of a picket shall be responsible for maintaining the receipt, and shall present it when so requested by a law enforcement officer or other city official.

“The Gold Museum property is not under city jurisdiction; therefore, this permit does not address picketing on the state owned Gold Museum property.”

City Official

Date