

First Amendment/Freedom of Speech Petition Notification Guidelines (Notification Form Available upon Request)

1. Groups or persons desiring to exercise freedom of speech or other First Amendment rights upon the Mountain America Expo Center premises are required to complete a Free Speech – First Amendment Notification and obtain authorization from the management of the Center before conducting free speech activities. Groups or persons desiring to exercise freedom of speech on public sidewalks in front of or on the perimeter of the Mountain America Expo Center should contact the offices of Sandy City to obtain a city permit.
2. Permission will be granted after a review by Mountain America Management of a completed notification form and if the applicant meets the requirements of the Center’s policy.
3. The applicant shall possess or obtain comprehensive general liability insurance to protect the management and Salt Lake County from liability imposed by law for damages on account of bodily injury or property damage arising from the event. Such insurance shall name, on the policy or by endorsement, Salt Lake County, its officers, employees and its managing operator, and, as required, any other public entity involved in the event as additional named insureds. Insurance requirements shall be waived unless the activity involves the use of fireworks or other similarly extraordinarily hazardous features.
4. Hand billing may occur only within the specific areas designated as the “First Amendment Hand Billing Areas” and in accordance with the illustration of anticipated use as designated in the Free Speech – First Amendment Notification.
5. Up to four persons per organization or in total may engage in hand billing activities at one time. Only one person of the group, which may be no larger than four persons, may hold or carry a sign or placard. The sign or placard may only identify the group or hand billing entity.
6. If you utilize signs or placards, they must be carried by hand or supported by lath-type sticks only and shall not exceed 2 inches wide x 3 feet high in size.
7. Hand billers may not engage in chanting, marching, picketing or other non-handbilling activities while within the First Amendment Handbilling Area. Handbilling activities consist of handing out written materials and discussion of those materials. Each hand biller is required to stay within the First Amendment Hand Billing Areas while engaged in handbilling activities. Hand billers may not position tables, chairs, stands, podiums, amplification equipment, coolers, or other furniture or equipment within the Hand Billing First Amendment areas, except that they may bring with them containers of written materials to be distributed if the containers, when full, are small enough in size and weight to be carried by one person of ordinary size and strength.
8. You may not interfere with pedestrians or vehicular traffic. If people do not stop to listen to you, you may not insist that they do so. Specifically, you may not grab or attempt to physically restrain or touch any person or visitors to the center.

9. The petitioner has agreed that the group leader will be the group coordinator. The leader/coordinator will be easily identifiable and will have sufficient knowledge of the group members to assist the Security department in identifying any member should the need arise anytime during the demonstration.
10. The petitioner has agreed to notify all participants of these rules prior to the start of the event.
11. The petitioner will notify all participants that all laws and ordinances will be obeyed and that the permit for this event may be superseded by law enforcement officers at the scene of the event.
12. The petitioner will exercise the authority to discipline participants for violation of these rules or state or local laws and exclude or remove participants from the event.
13. The petitioner acknowledges that the event is for nonviolent purposes.
14. The petitioner may not bring food or beverage items on site for the purposes of distributing them to the general public. All food and beverages for distribution must be purchased through Utah Food Services, the exclusive catering company of the Mountain America Expo Center.
15. The petitioner agrees to be responsible to leave the area of the event clean, and that all objects, signs, sticks, leaflets, candles, etc., will be removed by the petitioner's group.
16. The petitioner acknowledges the constitutional right of anyone to ignore or listen to your group and ignore or read any information literature that the group may be passing out.
17. The group shall abide by all pertinent local, State, and Federal ordinances and laws while conducting this activity.
18. Violent acts, conduct which incites violence, or abusive language, will NOT be tolerated in any manner. Any violation of these rules will terminate the permit for this event.