

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is committed to provide public space to allow seasonal, traditional public displays for community enjoyment. The Village strives to provide opportunities for all members of the community to participate/view public displays on publicly owned land, as determined appropriate on a case-by-case basis. The Village is hereby establishing a procedure and guidelines for allowing such displays and requiring specific permission for the display.

The sponsoring organization /applicant shall submit its request in writing forty-five (45) days prior to the desired date for the placement of the display to the Village Manager for consideration. Said request shall state the proposed installation date, duration of the display and its purpose; indicate an estimated cost or level of effort to maintain the display during its duration. The applicants shall include in the request for placement of the display a site drawing /sketch of the park indicating the dimensions and location of the display along with required electrical or plumbing services, and a drawing or other depiction of the display, including any signs. The display must include a placard or sign indicating the name of the organization presenting the display. The displays shall be sized according to the area available, shall not in any way restrict pedestrian traffic or prevent the public enjoyment of the park, must be sensitive to the surrounding location of either other seasonal displays or the permanent amenities located in the public space, and shall not be disruptive or inhibit public enjoyment of the park or pose a hazard to public safety. The display shall be appropriate for the season and shall be allowed a reasonable time to be erected.

The sponsoring organization must provide a contact person (name, telephone number and mailing address) who shall be available as an emergency contact for the duration of the display. The organization will also be required to provide an indemnification and hold harmless agreement to the Village in relation to any loss, damage or claim which may arise as a result of the display.

The Village Manager may consult with the Parks Commission prior to making a decision on a request. The Village Manager will inform sponsoring organization/applicant of his decision within ten (10) days after receipt of the full application for the requested placement of the display on public land.

All public displays shall be tasteful, pleasing not offensive to the public sensibilities. The displays shall not be obscene, vulgar, or offensive nor include such subject matter as apparent representation of violence, inappropriate nudity, denigration of individuals or cultures, or desecration of significant cultural symbols. All displays will be reviewed for their appropriateness for public display. They must be at all times open and available to all persons wishing to view the display.