



**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL**

Strings & Things Music Festival  
175 Donegal Drive  
Point Roberts, WA 98281  
Email: [yobreeda@gmail.com](mailto:yobreeda@gmail.com)

April 30, 2025

Dear Breeda Desmond,

On April 29, 2025, the Whatcom County Council reviewed and approved your *Outdoor Musical Entertainment, Amusements, and Assemblies Permit* application for the July 12, 2025 Strings and Things Music Festival event at the Point Roberts Marina, 713 Simundson Drive, Point Roberts, WA, subject to compliance with the \$5,000 surety bond requirement (see [AB2025-285](#)).

As per Whatcom County Code [5.40.020](#), after the application for permit has been approved, the promoter shall deposit with the issuing authority, a cash deposit or surety bond in accordance with RCW [70.108.70](#). The surety will be used to pay any costs or charges incurred to regulate health, clean up afterwards outside the festival grounds, regulate traffic or parking (extraordinary costs or charges), save and protect the streets, pavements and bridges, repair road signs, repair all other property in the county from any and all damage that may be caused by vehicles, employees, or participants in such outdoor musical assembly.

Please submit documentation of your compliance with the surety requirement to [chalka@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:chalka@co.whatcom.wa.us), in advance of your event, and contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Halka".

Cathy Halka  
Clerk of the Council

Encl: Approved permit application

**OUTDOOR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT, AMUSEMENTS, AND ASSEMBLIES PERMIT APPLICATION**

PERMIT #:

2025-01

Permit Fee:

\$2,500.00

[Must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the event.]

APPLICATION DATE 02/02/2025	NAME OF ORGANIZATION Strings & Things Music Festival	CONTACT PERSON (Must be over 18 years old) Breeda Desmond		
ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION (street, city, state, zip code) 175 Donegal Drive, Point Roberts, WA. 98281		DAYTIME TELEPHONE 8583492913	EMAIL ADDRESS yobreeda@gmail.com	
EVENT NAME Strings & Things Music Festival	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS Approx 1000	REQUESTED DATES July 12th 2025	STARTING TIME 2pm	ENDING TIME 10pm
LOCATION: (Parcel number and street address where the event will be held.) Point Roberts Marina, 713 Simondson Drive, Point Roberts, 98281				# OF ACRES approx 1 acre
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT: (Attach your event operations and security plan. Include a detailed site plan of the facility which includes parking, ingress, egress, concessions, placement of port-a-potties, trash receptacles, stages, seating, sanitation, etc.):				

The applicant(s) agrees, if this permit is granted, to observe all County Ordinances and applicable laws. Applicant(s) further agrees to hold harmless the County of Whatcom, its officers and employees from any incidents or accidents that may occur under this permit (delete the rest of this sentence). The applicant, by signing below, indemnifies and holds Whatcom County harmless from any claim, lawsuit, action for injuries, death, or any other cause of action for property damage or personal injury arising from the issuance of this Event Permit, including but not limited to claims by event staff, participants, or any civilian. By signing this application, the applicant(s) certifies that he/she has read and examined this application and that all statements contained therein are true and correct under the penalty of perjury.

(Signature of Applicant)

Breeda Desmond  
(Print Name)

(Signature of Applicant)

Mike Bell  
(Print Name)

Date: 03/30/2025

Organization Name: Strings & Things Music Festival

To be valid, an application must be filed not less than **90 calendar days** prior to the first scheduled day of the festival. It must be submitted directly to the office of the Whatcom County Council and must include the following:

1) A complete application, 2) All information as required in the attached checklist including a copy of the events operations and security plan, and; 3) The appropriate application fee as defined in the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule and pursuant to RCW 70.108.040.

**Please submit application to:**

CHalka@co.whatcom.wa.us

Phone: (360) 778-5010

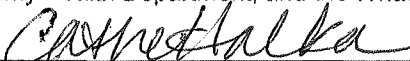
Whatcom County Council

311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105

Bellingham, WA 98225

Pursuant to RCW 70.108.80, the issuance of this permit is a measure to protect and preserve the public peace, health, safety, morals and welfare, and the right of the appropriate authority to revoke such permit is a consideration of its issuance.

**DO NOT SIGN** unless approval has been authorized by the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, the Whatcom County Health Department, and the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office. See attached.



Dated: 4/30/2025

This signature represents authorization for an approved Whatcom County Event Permit

## EVENT PERMIT CHECKLIST

### THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL:

In accordance with RCW 70.108, the following checklist items must be completed:

**Applicant  
Submitted:**

**Staff  
Approved:**

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|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Financial statement of the applicant.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Names and addresses of all individuals or other entities having a ten percent or more proprietary interest in the festival.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The nature of the business/organization of the applicant.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A legal description of the land to be occupied, the name and address of the owner thereof, together with a document showing the consent of said owner to the issuance of a permit, if the land is owned by a person other than the applicant.           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The scheduled performances and program.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A statement that the applicant will abide by the provisions of RCW 70.108.040   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signed and approved section of the event permit checklist completed by authorized personnel of the <u>Whatcom County Health Department</u> .  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signed and approved section of the event permit checklist completed by authorized personnel of the <u>Whatcom County Sheriff's Office</u> .   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Signed and approved section of the event permit checklist completed by authorized personnel of the <u>Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office</u> .  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | A written confirmation from the department of natural resources, where applicable, and the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, that all fire prevention requirements have been complied with.                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A written statement of the applicant that all state and local law enforcement officers, fire control officers and other necessary governmental personnel shall have free access to the site of the outdoor music festival.                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | If approved, the promoter shall supply Whatcom County with a cash deposit or surety bond.   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The promoter will be required to furnish evidence that he/she has in full force and effect a liability insurance policy pursuant to WCC 5.40.020 and RCW 70.108.70. The policy shall name the issuing authority of the permit as an additional insured. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

By signing this portion of the application the office of the Whatcom County Council Office acknowledges receipt and application fee from Breeda Desmond and that said documents meet the submittal requirements for further review by the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, the Whatcom County Health Department, and the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office.

Cathy Halka  
(Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council)

4/21/2025  
(Date)

**\*Pursuant to RCW 70.108.040(9)(d), all law enforcement personnel shall be charged with enforcing the provisions of this permit and all existing statutes, ordinances and regulations.**

## EVENT PERMIT CHECKLIST

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Pursuant to RCW 70.108.040, the application shall include written confirmation from the local health officer from the area where the outdoor music festival is to take place, showing that he or she has reviewed and approved plans for site and development in accordance with rules, regulations, and standards adopted by the Washington State Board of Health. Such rules and regulations shall include criteria as to the following, and any other matters deemed necessary by the State Board of Health to protect the public's health:

**Applicant  
Submitted:**

**Staff  
Approved:**

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|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Detailed site plan    Provided by the applicant.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Site location and property owner approval    Provided by the applicant including certificate of liability insurance.                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Water supply    - NA -    Water will not be provided by the event organizers. Vendors will offer beverages to Attendees.                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sewage disposal    Portable toilets to be provided and serviced by "The Potty Wagon" company.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Food preparation facilities    A local restauranteur has applied for a permit to serve food at this event.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Toilet facilities    Portable toilets to be provided by "The Potty Wagon" company.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Solid waste  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Insect and rodent control    - NA - not required by health codes.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Shelter    Sun shelter to be provided in two locations.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dust control    Event to be held on grass field. Dust not anticipated.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Lighting    - NA - Daytime event.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Emergency medical facilities    A medical tent will be established and staffed. EMS staff from Whatcom County Fire District #5 will be present on site.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Emergency air evacuation    A helipad is designated and will be kept clear during the event.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Attendant physicians    Emergency medical care to be provided by Whatcom County Fire District #5 staff contracted to be on site.                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Communication systems    - In case of emergency, communications to be managed by the Whatcom County Sheriff's department staff contracted to be on site. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

By signing this portion of the application the Whatcom County Health Department acknowledges that the applicant has provided sufficient proof and resources to ensure the general health, welfare, and safety of the public has been met pursuant to Washington State citing criteria referenced in RCW 70.108.040. The event permit shall not be issued unless all sections of the permit have been signed by authorized staff of the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, the Whatcom County Health Department, and the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office. Access for emergency vehicles may be required at any time. The road(s) may be ordered cleared without notice by the Sheriff or Fire Marshal of Whatcom County.



(Authorizing Signature by the Whatcom County Health Department)

3-26-25

(Date)

## EVENT PERMIT CHECKLIST

### THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

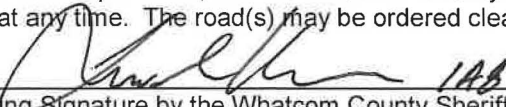
Pursuant to RCW 70.108.040, the application shall include written confirmation from the appropriate law enforcement agency from the area where the outdoor music festival is to take place, showing that traffic control and crowd protection policing have been contracted for or otherwise provided by the applicant meeting the following conditions:

#### Applicant Submitted:

#### Staff Approved:

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|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Detailed site plan   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | During the hours that the festival site shall be open to the public there shall be at least one regularly commissioned police officer employed by the jurisdiction wherein the festival site is located for every one thousand persons in attendance and said officer shall be on duty within the confines of the actual outdoor music festival site.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A written confirmation from the appropriate law enforcement agency from the area where the outdoor music festival is to take place, showing that traffic control and crowd protection policing have been contracted for or otherwise provided by the applicant meeting the following conditions:   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | One person for each two hundred persons reasonably expected to be in attendance at any time during the event for purposes of traffic and crowd control.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The names and addresses of all traffic and crowd control personnel shall be provided to the appropriate law enforcement authority: PROVIDED, That not less than twenty percent of the traffic and crowd control personnel shall be commissioned police officers or deputy sheriffs: PROVIDED FURTHER, That on and after February 25, 1972 any commissioned police officer or deputy sheriff who is employed and compensated by the promoter of an outdoor music festival shall not be eligible and shall not receive any benefits whatsoever from any public pension or disability plan of which he or she is a member for the time he is so employed or for any injuries received during the course of such employment. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>NOTED: FINAL LIST TO BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO EVENT - J. ANDERS</b><br>A written confirmation from the appropriate law enforcement authority that sufficient access roads are available for ingress and egress to the parking areas of the outdoor music festival site and that parking areas are available on the actual site of the festival or immediately adjacent thereto which are capable of accommodating one auto for every four persons in estimated attendance at the outdoor music festival site.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

By signing this portion of the application the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office acknowledges that the applicant has provided sufficient proof and resources to ensure the general health, welfare, and safety of the public has been met pursuant to Washington State citing criteria referenced in RCW 70.108.040. The event permit shall not be issued unless all sections of the permit have been signed by authorized staff of the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, the Whatcom County Health Department, and the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office. Access for emergency vehicles may be required at any time. The road(s) may be ordered cleared without notice by the Sheriff or Fire Marshal of Whatcom County.

  
(Authorizing Signature by the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office)

8-24-2025  
(Date)

LT. JASON E. KORB



## EVENT PERMIT CHECKLIST

### THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL:

In accordance with the International Fire Code (IFC), as adopted and amended by Whatcom County (Whatcom County Code, Title 15) the following checklist items must be submitted for review. Additional information or details may be requested at the discretion of the Fire Marshal, in accordance with requirements in the IFC. Conditions of approval will be generated at the time of approval by the Fire Marshal's Office and are subject to inspections and verification at the Fire Marshal's discretion.

**Applicant  
Submitted:**

**Staff  
Approved:**



A Public Safety Plan (site plan drawing and narrative) with the following details is required:  
(IFC Section 403.12)



- Emergency vehicle ingress and egress. ✓
- Fire protection. ✓
- Emergency egress or escape routes. ✓
- Emergency medical services. ✓
- Public assembly areas. ✓
- The directing of both attendees and vehicles, including the parking of vehicles. ✓
- Vendor and food concession distribution. ✓
- The need for the presence of law enforcement. ✓
- The need for fire and emergency medical services personnel. ✓
- Location of stages, entertainment spectator viewing, and liquor consumption areas. ✓
- Location, size, and type of any tents over 400 square feet. ✓



Detailed specification and engineering documents for the following, if proposed:



- Tent materials and flame spread/smoke density rating ✓
- Stage canopies over 400 square feet require specific documentation in accordance with IFC Section 3105. ✓
- Bleachers, grandstands, or telescopic seating require detailed plans and engineering documents be provided. N/A
- Proof of food truck inspection and approval through Washington State Labor & Industries. N/A
- Specific details of any proposed open-flames or pyrotechnics, along with separate permits from the Fire Marshal's Office. N/A

By signing this portion of the application the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office acknowledges that the applicant has provided sufficient proof and resources to ensure the general health, welfare, and safety of the public has been met pursuant to Washington State citing criteria referenced in RCW 70.108.040. The event permit shall not be issued unless all sections of the permit have been signed by authorized staff of the Whatcom County Sheriff's Department, the Whatcom County Health Department, and the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office. Access for emergency vehicles may be required at any time. The road(s) may be ordered cleared without notice by the Sheriff or Fire Marshal of Whatcom County.

(Authorizing Signature by the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office)

3/26/25

(Date)