

[Zoning code](#) (proposed addition) p. 300-22 (definitions)

Rural Traditional Weddings/Social Events: Those uses, other than the primary residence or existing business on a rural property. Including, but not limited to, weddings, receptions, graduations, corporate gatherings and private personal celebrations. These accessory event activities/uses typically include music, event catering, off-street parking and appropriate ingress/egress. This definition does not include retail sales, concerts and amphitheaters, rodeos, circuses or other similar public events.

[Zoning code](#) (proposed addition) P. 506-1 (administrative permits)

#### 4. Rural Traditional Wedding/Social Events – Temporary Use

Any owner of property located in the Rural Traditional zone may submit an application for a temporary use provided that such use is of a temporary nature and that the specific criteria for said use in the underlying zone classification are met. A renewable zoning certificate for such use may be granted by the Planning Department in the form of a temporary and revocable permit for not more than a 5-month period in any given year and may be renewed on an annual basis subject to such conditions as will safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare. The temporary use permit may be revoked for failure to meet any condition of the temporary permit approval. The following performance standards shall be met:

- a) Events shall be limited to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday between the first weekend of May and the last weekend of October.
- b) Hours of operation shall occur between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. All guests must be off the premises by 10:00 p.m.
- c) The property shall retain its rural character.
- d) The Owner of the property must live on the property.
- e) The temporary use shall meet the definition of Rural Traditional Weddings/Social Events in the Spokane County Zoning Code, Section 14.300, as follows:

“Those uses, other than the primary residence or existing commercial use on the rural traditional property, including but not limited to, weddings, receptions, graduations, corporate gatherings and private personal celebrations. These accessory event activities/uses typically include music, event catering, off-street parking, and appropriate ingress/egress. This definition does not include retail sales, concerts and amphitheaters, rodeos, circuses or other similar public events”.

- f) The temporary use must be an accessory use to the parcel or lot and cannot be the primary use on the parcel or lot.
- g) The temporary use may only be located in the Rural Traditional zone.
- h) The temporary use shall be located, designed and operated so as to not interfere with the quality of life of neighboring properties.
- i) Any enclosed structure on the property being utilized for the temporary use shall meet the requirements for fire, life and safety as outlined in the International Building and Fire Codes as adopted by Spokane County and Spokane County Code.

- j) All requirements established for the proposed temporary use by the Fire District and/or Fire Code Official, in addition to the International Fire Code, as addressed in “h” above, shall be met by the temporary use facilities. Temporary Use Permit facilities include, but are not limited to, all structures and facilities on the property used for or part of the temporary use.
- k) All required parking shall be provided on the property for which the temporary use permit is issued.
- l) Adequate ingress and egress shall be provided to the site from a public right-of-way in accordance with Spokane County Code.
- m) The temporary use shall be consistent with the size, scale and intensity of the existing rural use of the property and existing buildings on the site. The area devoted to the temporary use shall not be located outside the general area already developed for buildings and existing uses, and shall not otherwise convert more than one acre of land to event use.
- n) The temporary use permit may grant up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) events per season; not more than one per eligible day. For outdoor events, no more than a maximum of two-hundred (200) guests/invitees shall be allowed to attend any individual wedding/event allowed under the temporary use permit. Indoor events will observe occupancy limits as set by the Fire District and/or Fire Code Official. A detailed list of all weddings/events scheduled for the season during which the temporary use permit shall be provided with and as part of the temporary use permit application.
- o) One permanent attached or detached sign identifying the temporary use facility shall be allowed on the property. The sign shall be unlighted and shall not exceed 16 square feet in size.
- p) Amplified music or public address systems are not permitted.
- q) Noise standards identified in WAC 173-60 and Spokane County Code, as now written or as may be amended from time to time, shall be met.
- r) All laws of the Washington State Liquor Control Board shall be complied with.
- s) All food service shall comply with catering and/or on-site food service regulations as required by the Spokane Regional Health District.
- t) All lighting shall be positioned and shielded so that the direction of the light is downward and within the property lines.
- u) The operator shall notify the appropriate Fire District at least seven (7) calendar days prior to holding any wedding/event under the Temporary Use Permit, and the operator shall comply with any additional conditions required by the Fire District in conjunction with the wedding/event.

Zoning Code (proposed addition) P. 618-3 (rural)

Business Uses	Rural-5	Rural Traditional	Rural Activity Center	Urban Reserve	Rural Conservation
Wedding/social event	N	L	N	N	N