

Resolution 2026-15

A Resolution approving the special uses for Buffalo Days on July 3-5 2026.

WHEREAS, Buffalo Municipal Code allows for council to make exceptions to policies for special events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buffalo City Council as follows:

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this resolution is to provide rules, regulations and restrictions concerning the sale of food, merchandise, services and alcoholic beverages, and the provision of outdoor entertainment within the City of Buffalo on July 3-5, 2026, on which dates the City anticipates receiving visitors participating in the Buffalo Days Celebration. This resolution and the rules, regulations and restrictions contained therein, are enacted for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of both the participants in the Buffalo Day Celebrations event as well as the citizens of Buffalo, Iowa.

Section 2: Food, Merchandise and Service Sales

- A. No person or organization shall provide or sell food, beverages, merchandise or services to the public in the City of Buffalo on July 3-5, 2026 without first obtaining a permit from the Buffalo Days Celebration Committee.
- B. All permit holders are responsible to leave their assigned areas in good order, with all trash, garbage, and associated items to be picked up and removed at the time of departure, but no later than the 5th day of July, 2026. If after inspection the Buffalo Day Celebration Committee determines the area is not properly cleaned, a minimum \$100 municipal infraction will be issued by the Buffalo Police Department to defray the cost of clean-up by the City.

Section 3: Outdoor Sale of Alcohol Beverages

Outdoor sale of alcoholic beverages shall only be allowed by Buffalo Day's Celebration Committee on Friday 5:00pm-11:00pm and Saturday 11:00am-11:00pm at which time at least one certified ILEA officer will be on the premises. The officers on duty during these times shall be paid from the Buffalo Days Celebration budget. All sales of single-serving beverages shall be in non-glass containers and only sold within the Buffalo City Park on Dodge Street. No outside alcohol is permitted to be carried into the park at any time. Any person or persons caught bringing alcohol onto the premises will not be allowed in or asked to leave. If anyone does not comply with a first request to remove alcohol brought in, they shall be subject to a municipal infraction of up to \$100.00.

Section 4: Outdoor Entertainment

The following rules shall also apply to outdoor entertainment

1. All entertainment shall cease on or before 11:00 pm on July 3-5, 2026.
2. Decibel level created by the entertainment shall not cause unreasonable distress to surrounding residents.

Section 5: Parade

The City of Buffalo delegates to the Buffalo Day Celebration Committee to work directly with Public Works, Police and Fire for the review of the parade route. Parade route shall be sent to the City Clerk and the City Clerk shall prepare a street closure request to IDOT. Streets shall be closed only during these events and be re-opened immediately after the event participants have safely completed the event.

Section 6: Use of Golf Carts

On July 4-6, 2025, members of the Buffalo Day Celebrations Committee or their designated agents may operate golf carts on city streets and upon closed streets, alleys and upon public parking areas each day subject to the following requirements: Each driver must be over 18 years of age with a valid Iowa driver's license. Drivers shall not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while operating a golf cart on the public streets. Golf carts shall not be operated after dusk as mandated by the Code of Iowa.

Section 8: Misdemeanor

It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to violate any provision in this resolution.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Buffalo, Iowa, this 08th day of June, 2026.

Approved and signed by the Mayor of the City of Buffalo, Iowa, this 08th day of June, 2026.

Sally Rodriguez, Mayor

Tanna Leonard
Attest: Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

Moore: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Roman: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Teel-Vanderpool: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Miller: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Leonard: ☒ Yes ☐ No