



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region  
1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20242

IN REPLY REFER TO:

### PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL CEREMONIES PERMIT

PERMIT #20-0319

October 28, 2020

**{Bleachers, the Presidential Reviewing Stand three story Media Reviewing Stand and other structures as needed for the 2021 Inaugural Parade For the White House sidewalk and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Lafayette Park excluding the NE Quadrant of Lafayette Park pursuant to 36 CFR § 7.96 (4)(iii)(A)}**

In accordance with the Inaugural Ceremonies Act 36 USC 503 and National Park Service regulations 36 CFR 7.96(g), permission is granted for the following:

**Person(s) and/or Organization:** The National Park Service on behalf of the Presidential Inaugural Committee, pursuant to the Inaugural Ceremonies Act, 36 USC 501-511

**Date(s):** 11/01/20

**To:** 03/1/2021

**Time: Starting:** 6:00 A.M.

**Ending:** 11:59 P.M.

**Location(s):** White House sidewalk located between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets and Lafayette Park, excluding the NE Quadrant of Lafayette Park.

**Purpose(s):** Plan for and build on the White House Sidewalk and portions of Lafayette Park, the Presidential Reviewing Stand, three story Media Reviewing Stand, bleachers, and other structures as needed for the 2021 Inaugural Parade.

**Anticipated Number of Participants:** 9,400

**Person(s) in Charge:** John Stanwich, National Park Service

**Address:** 1849 C Street, NW., Room 1426, Washington DC 20042

**Telephone Nos. Day:** 202-219-0322

**This permit is granted subject to the following conditions contained herein, and may be amended by the National Park Service (NPS) to reflect changes to conditions.**

## **I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT**

1. This permit between the National Park Service (NPS) and the Government of the District of Columbia (DC) on behalf of the Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC) dated October 28, 2020, authorizes the construction of the Presidential Reviewing Stand on the White House sidewalk; construction of the Media Reviewing Stand in Lafayette Park; and the placement of trailers, porta-johns, construction support trailers and other support structures in Lafayette Park. Upon confirmation from the Presidential Inaugural Committee and approval by the National Park Service, this permit authorizes the construction of grandstands (bleachers) and the placement of portable toilets and related parade structures along the sidewalk of 15<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to Sherman Park, and the White House sidewalk between and including East Executive and West Executive Avenues including the sidewalks of Lafayette Park.
2. Based on the size and scope of this event PIC will provide the NPS with a bond in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit or cash deposit in the amount of \$600,000 for all activities within President's Park (which includes Lafayette Park, the White House sidewalk, Sherman Park and Treasury Department sidewalks).
3. This bond will be used to cover costs of restoration, rehabilitation, and any unbudgeted National Park Service costs.
4. In addition, PIC must procure public and employee liability insurance from a responsible company with a minimum limitation of \$2 million per person for any one claim and an aggregate limitation of \$5 million for any number of claims arising from any one incident. The United States of America shall be included as an additional named insured on all such policies. All policies shall specify that the insured shall have no right of subrogation against the United States for payments of any premiums or deductibles there under and such insurance policies shall be obtained by, be for the account of, and at the insurer's sole risk.
5. Pursuant to 36 USC 503(d) the Inaugural Committee shall indemnify and save harmless the District of Columbia and the United States Government, as well as the Department of Interior and the National Park Service as the appropriate department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government against any loss or damage to, and against any liability arising from the use of, the reservation, ground, or public space, by Inaugural Committee or a licensee of the Inaugural Committee.
6. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police and/or other representative of the NPS.
7. All trash, debris, and litter resulting from activities of this permit shall not be allowed to accumulate and shall be bagged and placed on or next to trash receptacles.

8. Vehicles will not be permitted on the sidewalks along Pennsylvania Avenue or within Presidents Park. All unloading and loading of equipment must be done from the Street.

9. All requests, correspondence and meetings with the National Park Service pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by the permittee only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn, will contact the National Park Service.

10. The permittee shall require all employees and or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions and to protect park property. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc. necessary for employee and public safety, shall be provided and adequately maintained. Such devices require the concurrence of the NPS Officer-in-Charge or designated representative.

11. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.

12. The area must be left in substantially the same conditions as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.

13. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or as may be designated in written amendment to this permit.

14. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the activity presents present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.

**15. A copy of this permit shall be at the site during the use of the park area.**

## **II. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL REVIEWING STAND AND THE MEDIA REVIEWING STAND**

### **Overview**

The White House and Lafayette Park are part of the National Park System and are the focus of intense interest and activity on a 24-hour basis. Visitors from across the country, and around the world, flock to this area to see and photograph the White House. First Amendment demonstrations also take place here. For the Presidential Inaugural every four years, the National Park Service and its U.S. Park Police; the District of Columbia and its contractors; and the U.S. Secret Service work together closely to insure that the construction of the Presidential and Media Reviewing Stands take places in a way that:

- (1) Protects the historic and natural resources of the White House and Lafayette Park National Historic Landmarks; as well as the high end materials used in the Pennsylvania Avenue in Front of the White House project.

- (2) Provides access on Pennsylvania Avenue for the vehicles needed for support of the White House and the surrounding buildings and businesses;
- (3) Provides clearly visible perimeters to keep visitors from wandering into construction areas;
- (4) Insures only authorized workers access the construction areas for the Presidential Reviewing Stand and the Media Reviewing Stand.

### **Terms**

PRS	Presidential Reviewing Stand
MRS	Media Reviewing Stand
PIC	Presidential Inaugural Committee (formed after the election results are known)
DC	District of Columbia
NPS	National Park Service
USSS	U.S. Secret Service
USPP	U.S. Park Police

### **National Park Service – DC Contractor Coordination**

The NPS will have representatives on site in Lafayette Park from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, during construction. The DC contractor should contact the NPS representative on any questions involving protection of the resource or other questions about the construction site.

By Thursday noon of each week, the contractor will provide to the NPS Inaugural Coordinator John Stanwich with an update on the anticipated work for the next week, including materials being delivered, equipment being brought in, any anticipated closures and their duration (usually a matter of hours), and major changes in the appearance or construction process. The purpose of this report is to keep all parties at the site informed of what will be occurring.

### **DC Contractor Staging and Construction Areas**

Once a date has been established for the start of construction, representatives of the DC Contractors and DC must walk the area with representatives of the NPS to document any resource damage in place prior to the start of construction. Any damage found after construction, which was not identified on this walkthrough, is the responsibility of the contractor and DC.

Attached is a copy of the layout of the Lafayette Park construction area and the White House Sidewalk (WHS) construction area. The map for Lafayette Park shows the trailers that were set up for the 2017 Inaugural by the DC Contractor.

All materials, trailers and construction must be placed on protective materials to protect the resources in Lafayette Park and its sidewalks; on the WHS; and on Pennsylvania Avenue. These protections are described in the attached "Pennsylvania Avenue In Front of the White House Maintenance and Construction Requirements – Revised 2011".

Protective materials must be placed in Lafayette Park so that the turf and trees are protected from damage.

**Additional General Contractor Requirements:**

1. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d et seq.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing in advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
2. All requests, correspondence and meetings with NPS pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by the lead DC representative only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives who in turn, will contact NPS.
3. In use of this area, the lead representative shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions including observance of all applicable OSHA codes, to protect park property and to provide for public safety. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc., necessary for employee, public safety, and resource protection shall be provided by the lead DC representative shall be adequately maintained. Placement of such devices require the concurrence of the NPS.
4. All work performed as a result of the permitted use by the permittee or its agents shall be subject to the conditions of this permit, and the lead DC representative is responsible for ensuring that such work meets the conditions of this permit.
5. All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection. Placement of structures and other detailed and specific site map will be provided to the NPS prior to installation of facilities.
  - a. Arrival schedules, equipment lists and vehicle lists must be provided in advance and all units in use in the park area must have specific approval by the NPS.

- b. Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the NPS and the United States Park Police (USPP) personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.

**Additional Specific Contractor Requirements:**

**Fencing**

The DC representative will be responsible for acquiring the bike rack which will be used to secure the construction area in Lafayette Park.

Chain link fence on cement block (placed on wood to protect the sidewalk and roadway surfaces) is used for the Pennsylvania Avenue staging areas and the WHS/PRS staging area.

At the PRS construction site, where the chain link fencing meets the White House fence, two pieces (one on each end of the construction site) need to be attached to the chain link fence and to the White House fence. This prevents visitors from "slipping" into the construction area to get a better photo of the White House.

**Note from the 2009 Inaugural:**

The DC Contractor trailers were as follows:

8'x28'	Electrical contractor
8'x40'	Storage
8'x20'	Storage
10'x36'	DC Government trailer
8'x28'	Construction workers trailer
8'x28'	Construction workers trailer
12'x60'	Construction Company's office trailer
8'x20'	Construction Company staff
8'x20'	Safety Office

NPS trailers for 2021 Inaugural:

10'x50'	USPP
10'x50'	NPS

**Note:** Beyond the trailers listed above and the areas shown on the attached maps, no additional trailers or construction space are permitted for the Inaugural construction.

**Pennsylvania Avenue**

Pennsylvania Avenue between the fenced PRS and the fenced MRS must remain open for through vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The NPS representative must be notified ahead of time of any delivery or crane work which will close the east/west vehicle circulation, and



the duration of the closure. The DC contractor is responsible for providing the necessary staff to close the avenue during temporary closures and to monitor pedestrian safety during the closure.

### **Roadway storage and Steel beam storage**

The attached Lafayette Park and WHS maps show the “Material Staging” areas located in the Pennsylvania Avenue roadway.

No steel/metal beams can be stored in Lafayette Park or its sidewalks, or on the WHS.

Steel/metal beams can only be stored in the roadway upon protective material as described in the “Pennsylvania Avenue In Front of the White House Maintenance and Construction Requirements – Revised 2011”

Note from the 2017 Inaugural: NPS records indicate that the steel came in on a flatbed truck and was stored within the DC Contractor’s fenced staging area on Pennsylvania Avenue (inside the respective construction compounds). The only time more portions of Pennsylvania Avenue were requested to be temporarily closed were when it was necessary to set the steel beams in place.

### **Trees**

When construction trailers are delivered to the site and installed, care must be used to insure that the trailers do not damage turf or the trees or tree wells in Lafayette Park and on Pennsylvania Avenue’s sidewalks.

All tree wells with the construction area will need to have "tree boxes" erected around them. These boxes can be made of 4'x8' sheets of plywood. Within Lafayette Park, these boxes must be at least 4' from the trunk of the tree in any direction.

On both the sidewalks of Lafayette Park and on the WHS, the tree boxes must be erected outside of the existing wickets that surround the base of the tree wells. This will serve to protect the wickets during any construction.

The tree boxes within Lafayette Park will be in place until teardown of the project is completed.

The tree boxes that are on the sidewalks will be in place until bleacher construction begins. The tree boxes must be replaced after the removal of the bleachers to protect the trees (and wickets) during tear down of the project. NPS suggests the DC contractor inspect the tree wells with an NPS representative before the tree well boxes are removed and before the tree boxes are reinstalled for the bleacher set up. This inspection will enable the DC contractor and the NPS to identify any damage caused by the bleacher contractor.

## **Security**

In the event that heightened security is requested and/or implemented, the contractor and its employees may be directed by the United States Secret Service, United States Park Police and/or National Park Service staff to temporarily cease work and leave the area. These directions must be followed immediately.

The District of Columbia contractor is responsible for providing the U.S. Secret Service with all information requested on vehicles and personnel entering through Secret Service security.

The District of Columbia should request one point of contact with Secret Service for the processing of its contractor's vehicles and employees access to the area.

Each District of Columbia contractor must provide clearly visible identification for their employees accessing the construction site. The form of this identification should be discussed ahead of time with the NPS and the U.S. Secret Service. The identification will serve to inform U.S. Park Police, U.S. Secret Service and the contractors themselves of those authorized to enter the PRS, MRS or construction staging areas.

The DC Contractor constructing the PRS and the MRS will provide 15 signs saying either "Construction Area/Hard Hat Area – Authorized Personnel Only" or "Hard Hat Area – Authorized Personnel Only." These signs to be placed in appropriate locations around the construction areas.

## **Port-a-johns**

Port-a-johns may only be placed near the construction trailers in the southwest grass panel of Lafayette Park. Port-a-johns will be screened on the east, south and west sides by heavy duty plywood reaching 6 inches above the top of the port-a-johns.

## **Parked Vehicles**

Contractor vehicle parking on Pennsylvania Avenue is limited. DC Contractors should limit the number of vehicles on site. Vehicles not involved in delivery or construction activity will be directed to park elsewhere. There may be some limited parking on Madison Place until the News Media trailers are delivered to the site.

## **Additional Contractor Resource Requirements**

In addition to the attached "Pennsylvania Avenue In Front of the White House Maintenance and Construction Requirements – Revised 2011," the DC contractor in



construction and in the placement of trailers, restrooms or other elements necessary for this event will comply with the following resource requirements:

1. Driving of vehicles on sidewalks or grass is limited to installation of the construction trailers, or to equipment needed for construction of the PRS and the MRS. In all cases, protection will be provided to protect the sidewalks and turf from damage.
2. Regarding the use of vehicles on the sidewalk, during such use, the vehicle must be accompanied by a spotter/individual to make the vehicle operator(s) and any pedestrians alert to any safety hazards. All operators of motor vehicles, (gators, gas/electric carts etc.) must possess a valid driver's license.
3. During movement of vehicles across Pennsylvania Avenue or while equipment is in place on Pennsylvania Avenue for a temporary closure for construction, the site will be secured and contractor personnel will be stationed at closure points to insure pedestrians do not enter the work area.
4. Support vehicle equipment, stored equipment, materials, etc., on turf areas shall be supported by temporary protective material heavy enough to support the wheels and jacks of all vehicles / mobile units.
5. To prevent damage to park water irrigation lines, staking into the ground is prohibited. Water barrels and/or concrete blocks that sit on the temporary interlocking protective material will be permissible. Water to fill the barrels will need to be brought into the park since no service for filling the barrels is available on site. Water barrels cannot be emptied onto the park turf, or in curb, or roadway areas without the permission of the President's Park's Chief of Maintenance (202) 359-3487. With that permission, water may be able to be dumped on the turf or at designated storm drains on the roadway. Dumping of water containing any non biodegradable chemicals will not be permitted on the park turf or its roadways.
6. **Generator Use & Refueling:** Permittee will use generators for electrical power sources. Generators must be placed on fire retardant, self-absorbent troughs enclosed by bike rack.

Refueling of the gasoline generators will be permitted pursuant to the following conditions:

- a. Refueling will only be allowed on dates and times agreed upon in advance with the NPS.
- b. The following materials must be placed on the ground during refueling:
  1. Plastic tarp
  2. Absorbent material on top of tarp

3. Drip pan under fueling nozzle
4. Spill containment material or absorbent booms or pads must be stored at each generator location
5. 55-gallon drum labeled hazardous material must be placed along side of each generator. Should spillage occur the absorbent material must be placed in these barrels
6. Contractor will be responsible for removing the barrels off of park property
7. Contractor will be responsible for any damage to the park's resources as a result of the refueling.
8. In case of spill please contact DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 911 and President's Park Chief of Maintenance at (202) 359-4871.

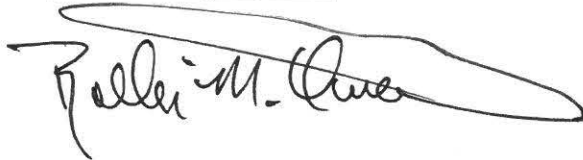
### **Coordination with PIC Bleacher Contractor and News Media Trailer Installation**

DC Contractors should be prepared to coordinate their activities with the PIC Bleacher contractor and the News Media. Bleachers will be placed the length of Pennsylvania Avenue between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets, N.W., except on the avenue immediately in front of the PRS. The News Media will install trailers on Madison Place for the Inaugural and the PIC likely will install trailers and restrooms on Jackson Place.

### **Tear Down**

Tear down and removal of the PRS and MRD, removal of the DC Contractor trailers, and restoration of the site needs to be completed no later than March 1, 2021. Removal of the MRS must await removal of the bleachers placed immediately in front of and adjacent to the MRS.

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# Inaugural Stands Construction Closures - Lafayette Park, Pennsylvania Avenue and White House Sidewalk

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