

**REGULATIONS
FOR THE
STATE HOUSE AND STATE HOUSE GROUNDS**

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CHAPTER 1
STATE HOUSE AND STATE HOUSE GROUNDS

§ 1.1 PURPOSE

These regulations are set forth in order to: provide for the safety of all persons in the State House and on the State House Grounds; to prevent destruction or damage to the State House and the State House Grounds; to preserve healthy and sanitary surroundings; and, to maintain the State House and the State House Grounds in an attractive and intact condition for the enjoyment of all visitors.

§ 1.2 DEFINITION

§1.2.1 STATE HOUSE

For the purposes of these regulations, "State House" means the first floor lobby of State House building.

§1.2.2 STATE HOUSE GROUNDS

For the purposes of these regulations, "State House Grounds" means the steps of the State House building and the outside areas of the Capitol Complex, which is that area bounded by Gervais, Sumter, Pendleton, and Assembly streets.

CHAPTER 2
DEMONSTRATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

§ 2.1 DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITY

§2.1.1 DEFINITION

Demonstration activity is defined as any protest, rally, march, vigil, gathering, assembly or similar conduct engaged in for the purpose of expressing political, social, religious or other similar ideas, views or concerns protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

§2.1.2 APPLICABILITY

The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to any one (1) person or group of persons engaged in demonstration activity on State House Grounds or in the State House during hours of operation. The provisions of this chapter shall apply equally to all demonstrators, regardless of viewpoint.

§2.1.3 SPECIAL EVENTS

Certain events on State House Grounds or in the State House are not considered "demonstrations" for the purposes of this chapter. They are authorized as follows:

- (a) **JOINT RESOLUTION.** Parades, assemblages and display of flags, banners or devices designed to bring into public notice a party, organization or movement are not permitted in the State House or on State House Grounds unless concurrently authorized by the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (b) **TOUR GROUPS.** A group organized for the purpose of sightseeing and visiting the State House and/or the State House Grounds.

- (c) **CEREMONIAL EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT.** Any small-scale event such as a school band, musical presentation or military reenlistment ceremony. Any group wishing to engage in this type of activity must apply for and receive prior written approval from the Division of General Services (“DGS”). These events shall only be conducted in assigned areas and must comply with all restrictions, limitations and conditions as determined by DGS.

§2.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

§2.2.1 PERMISSIBLE DEMONSTRATION AREAS

Demonstration activity is allowed in designated areas as indicated on the “South Carolina State House Grounds Demonstration Areas Map,” as amended.

§2.2.2 PROHIBITED DEMONSTRATION AREAS

No person or group of any size may engage in demonstration activity on the steps of the State House, on the steps of any building on State House Grounds or in any area otherwise closed or restricted for official use.

§2.3 GROUPS UNDER TWENTY

§2.3.1 NO PERMIT REQUIRED

No person or group of less than twenty (20) persons shall be required to obtain a permit.

§2.3.2 AVAILABILITY

Space for one (1) person or group of less than twenty (20) persons is available on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the provisions of this chapter.

§2.3.3 PERMIT ENCOURAGED

One (1) person or group of less than twenty (20) persons that desires to secure a specific demonstration area is encouraged to file an application for a permit. A permit holder will be given priority over any person or group occupying a demonstration area not in possession of a permit. DGS may remove or relocate any person or group of less than twenty (20) persons not in possession of a permit to accommodate permitted demonstration activity or special event as authorized by §2.1.3.

§2.3.4 PROHIBITIONS

A person or group of less than twenty (20) persons shall not engage in the following:

- (a) **SEGMENTING FROM THE GROUP.** A person or group of less than twenty (20) persons may engage in demonstration activity without a permit provided that the demonstration activity is not merely a segment of the same group whose complement would consist of twenty (20) or more persons.
- (b) **INTERFERENCE.** No person or group of less than twenty (20) persons shall engage in demonstration activity that audibly or physically interferes with the demonstration activity of another person or group.
- (c) **DENSITY.** No person or group of less than twenty (20) persons shall occupy an area in which the density exceeds 4.95 square feet per person, including props and equipment.

In no instance shall the per person density of any area exceed that set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

- (d) SEVEN DAY LIMITATION. No person or group of less than twenty (20) persons shall engage in demonstration activity for a period that exceeds more than seven (7) consecutive days.
- (e) CONTINUOUS DAILY DEMONSTRATION. No person or group of less than twenty (20) persons shall engage in demonstration activity having a duration of more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, including clean-up and the set-up and take down of props and equipment.

§2.3.5 APPLICABILITY OF OTHER SECTIONS

With the exception of §2.4, any person or group of less than twenty (20) persons is required to adhere to the provisions of this chapter.

§2.4 GROUPS OVER TWENTY

§2.4.1 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR GROUPS OF TWENTY OR MORE

No group of twenty (20) persons or more shall engage in demonstration activity at the State House or on State House Grounds except pursuant to the terms of a permit issued by the DGS.

§2.4.2 PERMIT APPLICATIONS

- (a) ADVANCE NOTICE. All applications for permits shall be submitted in writing to the DGS. An application shall be submitted in writing so as to be received by the DGS at least ten (10) business days in advance of the proposed demonstration activity.
- (b) CONTENTS. Permit applicants shall provide the following:
 - 1. Requested area of the State House or State House Grounds;
 - 2. Date, time, duration, and nature of the demonstration activity;
 - 3. Estimated number of participants;
 - 4. Sponsoring person or organization;
 - 5. Requested props and equipment; and,
 - 6. Name, address, telephone number and signature of applicant.
- (c) WAIVER. DGS may waive notice or reduce the number of days of advance notice if it determines that unforeseen or exceptional circumstances exist.

§2.4.3 PROCESSING APPLICATIONS AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

- (a) APPROVAL. DGS shall process applications in order of their receipt. Properly completed applications will be given priority over applications that are defective.
- (b) ISSUANCE. DGS shall issue a permit authorizing peaceable and orderly demonstration activity upon proper and timely application.
- (c) CONTENTS. Each permit shall clearly identify:
 - 1. The sponsoring person and organization;

2. The area at the State House or on State House Grounds where the permitted demonstration activity is to take place;
 3. The date, time and duration of the demonstration activity;
 4. The nature of the event and detailed description of the activity; and,
 5. The number of participants.
- (d) TACIT APPROVAL. Should DGS fail to act on a properly completed and timely filed application within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the proposed demonstration activity, such application shall be deemed approved by DGS.

§2.4.4 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In addition to any additional terms as set forth in the permit, no permit shall be issued that authorizes the following:

- (a) AREA. No permit shall authorize a group to demonstrate in more than one (1) area per event simultaneously.
- (b) DENSITY. No permit shall be issued that would exceed a density of five (5) square feet per person in the requested demonstration area, including props and equipment.
- (c) SEVEN DAY LIMITATION. No permit shall be issued for a period of more than seven (7) consecutive days.
- (d) CONTINUOUS DAILY DEMONSTRATION PROHIBITED. No permit shall authorize demonstration activity having a duration of more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, including clean- up and the set up and take down of props and equipment.

§2.4.5 GROUPS TO REMAIN IN ASSIGNED AREAS

All groups are required to remain in their assigned demonstration areas throughout the course of the demonstration activity. The same group may not hold a permit to more than one demonstration area at the same time.

§2.4.6 REVOCATION FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OR FOR CAUSE

In any case in which the terms of the permit are violated, such permit may be revoked by DGS. DGS is authorized to revoke a permit if it or BPS or any other law enforcement officers acting in conjunction with BPS, determines that continuation of demonstration activity is likely to result in bodily harm or death to an individual, damage to or destruction of any real or personal property or that a breach of the peace is imminent and good order cannot otherwise be maintained.

§ 2.5 PROPS AND EQUIPMENT

The following provisions apply to all persons or groups of persons bringing props and equipment into the State House or onto State House Grounds.

§2.5.1 GENERAL

- (a) **DEFINITION.** Props and equipment include items such as stands, lecterns, sound amplification equipment, chairs, tables, press and news facilities or other similar items that are reasonably necessary as an integral part of demonstration activity.
- (b) **HEIGHT RESTRICTION.** No single prop, piece of equipment or combination thereof to be used on the State House Grounds may exceed fifteen (15) feet in height.
- (c) **STAGES, RISERS AND PLATFORMS.** No stage, riser or platform may exceed two (2) feet in height.
- (d) **PROPS AND EQUIPMENT IN STATE HOUSE.** No prop or piece of equipment shall be utilized in demonstrations in the State House.
- (e) **UNATTENDED PROPS AND EQUIPMENT.** No prop or piece of equipment shall be left unattended while on the State House Grounds.
- (f) **REMOVAL.** All props and equipment must be capable of immediate removal.
- (g) **TWENTY FOUR HOUR LIMITATION.** Props and equipment must be removed from the State House Grounds at least once every consecutive twenty-four (24) hour period.
- (h) **CONCLUSION.** Demonstration activity is not considered concluded until all props and equipment are removed from the State House Grounds within the permitted time.

§2.5.2 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMIT APPLICANTS

- (a) All permit applicants are required to list props and equipment in their application.
- (b) Permit applicants must provide a description and the intended use of each such item in the permit application.
- (c) Any stage, riser or platform must be clearly identified in the permit application and receive DGS' authorization prior to use.
- (d) Permit holders are subject to any additional requirements pertaining to props and equipment as determined by DGS and set forth in the permit.

§2.6 SIGNS, BANNERS AND PLACARDS

Signs, banners and placards are permissible on State House Grounds provided the supports for these items have dull ends, do not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch at their widest point and cannot in any way be construed as a weapon. No nails, screws or bolt-type fastening devices may be protruding from the supports. Signs, banners and placards without supports are permissible in the State House.

§2.7. TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

No temporary structure of any kind may be erected in the State House or on State House Grounds. Tents, cabanas, canopies and all other types of covered or enclosed structures are expressly prohibited. No object shall be tied, fastened or suspended to any tree, pole, monument or other landscape or architectural feature on State House Grounds. Visibility of and access to any part of the State House Grounds, its monuments or areas may not be impeded or restricted in any manner.

§ 2.8 AMPLIFICATION AND OTHER NOISE DISTURBANCES

§2.8.1 AMPLIFICATION EQUIPMENT

Amplification equipment is not permitted in the State House or at any location on State House Grounds as determined by the DGS.

§2.8.2 SOUND PROJECTION

All sound amplification equipment must be projected away from the State House and all other buildings on the State House Grounds.

§2.8.3 UNAMPLIFIED DISTURBANCES

No individual may utter loud, threatening or abusive language or engage in disorderly or disruptive conduct at any place in the State House or on State House Grounds that interferes with any business being conducted in the State House or in any of the office building on State House Grounds at any time, including during periods of recess.

§ 2.9 ROAD RACES

No road race will be allowed to traverse State House Grounds. A road race is any type of sponsored running or cycling event, such as a marathon or triathlon.

§2.10 DAMAGE TO STATE HOUSE AND/OR STATE HOUSE GROUNDS

§2.10.1 RESTORATION OF STATE HOUSE AND STATE HOUSE GROUNDS

Any person or group of persons that engages in demonstration activity in the State House or on State House Grounds shall restore the State House and/or State House Grounds, as applicable, to same condition that existed prior to that demonstration activity.

§ 2.11 PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

Wedding ceremonies, graduation ceremonies and other events of a personal nature are not permitted in the State House or on State House Grounds.

§2.12 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

DGS reserves the right to impose additional reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on any demonstration activity consistent with this chapter in the interest of safety and in order to minimize the obstruction of pedestrian traffic through or in the State House or minimize the obstruction or impediment of vehicular and pedestrian traffic through or within the State House Grounds.

CHAPTER 3 BICYCLES

§3.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

§3.1.1 APPLICATION

This chapter shall apply to any bicycle that is parked or being operated on State House Grounds.

§3.1.2 BICYCLE DEFINED

A bicycle is a device which is propelled solely by human power;

which is designed to be ridden by one (1) or more persons; which has a saddle or seat for each person that the device is designed and equipped to carry; which has a tandem arrangement of two (2) wheels (or is a device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or rear wheels); and which has either one wheel at least twenty inches (20 in.) in diameter or is designed to be ridden on a roadway. This *shall not* include any device equipped with a motor or engine capable of propelling such device either exclusively or in combination with human power, whether or not such motor or engine is in actual operation.

§3.1.3 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS

There shall be no prohibition against any person riding a bicycle on a sidewalk so long as that person does not create a hazard.

§3.1.4 OBEDIENCE TO OFFICIALS

No person shall operate a bicycle except in obedience to the instructions of official signs unless otherwise directed by a police officer or other person authorized to control the State House Grounds.

§3.2 SAFE RIDING

§3.2.1 SAFE OPERATION

A person shall operate a bicycle in a safe and non-hazardous manner so as not to endanger himself or herself or any other person.

§3.2.2 SEAT REQUIRED

No person shall operate or ride a bicycle other than upon or astride a regular seat attached to the bicycle.

§3.2.3 EXTRA RIDERS

No person shall operate or ride a bicycle with more persons on it at any one time than the bicycle is equipped to carry.

§3.2.4 CARRYING ARTICLES

No person shall operate or ride a bicycle while carrying any package, bundle, or article which prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand on the handle bars.

§3.2.5 NO CLINGING

No person riding upon a bicycle shall attach himself, herself or the device upon which he or she is riding, to another bicycle, Segway, play vehicle or any other vehicle.

§3.2.6 RIDING ABREAST

Persons riding upon a sidewalk shall not ride more than two abreast.

§3.3 RIGHT-OF-WAY

§3.3.1 YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS ON SIDEWALK

Any person propelling a bicycle upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and shall travel at a speed no greater than is safe for the conditions then existing on the sidewalk.

§3.4 PARKING AND SECURING BICYCLES

§3.4.1 PERMISSIBLE BICYCLE PARKING

No person shall park his bicycle on State House Grounds in any place other than a bicycle rack or other area designated specifically for the parking of bicycles.

§3.4.2 PARKED BICYCLES

Any bicycle parked in a parking garage or secured designated staff parking lot must have a valid permit issued by DGS. Any bicycle parked in any other public parking area, including a bicycle rack, does not need to have a permit.

§3.4.3 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR TIME LIMITATION

A person may secure a bicycle in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for a period of not more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, by means of a lock or similar device, in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. Any bicycle secured in excess of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours may be seized by the Bureau of Protective Services ("BPS") or any other law enforcement officers acting in conjunction with BPS.

§3.4.4 SECURED BICYCLE CANNOT IMPEDE TRAFFIC

A person may secure a bicycle in accordance with the provisions of this chapter by means of a lock or similar device as long as securing the bicycle does not obstruct or unduly impede traffic or pedestrian movement and as long as securing bicycles has not been forbidden by any signage or notice.

§3.4.5 SECURING BICYCLES PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN AREAS

No person shall secure a bicycle to any of the following publicly-owned facilities:

- (a) Fire hydrants;
- (b) Police and fire call boxes;
- (c) Electric traffic signal poles;
- (d) Fences;
- (e) Stanchion, bollard or any publicly-owned pole or post used as support;
- (f) Tree, shrub or plant; or
- (g) Bench, fountain, fixture or object temporarily or permanently attached or appended to any structure or building.

§3.4.6 BUILDINGS AND IMPROVED AREAS

No person shall park a bicycle upon a sidewalk, in a driveway, against a building or any other fixture or improved area not specifically designated by this chapter.

**CHAPTER 4
PEDICABS**

§4.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

§4.1.1 APPLICATION

No pedicab may be parked, standing or operated on State House Grounds.

§4.1.2 PEDICAB DEFINED

A bicycle with two (2) rear wheels and one (1) front wheel that is designed to be ridden by one (1) or more persons, that transports, or is capable of transporting, passengers on seats attached to the bicycle, and that is used for transporting passengers.

**CHAPTER 5
LOW-SPEED VEHICLES**

§5.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

§5.1.1 APPLICATION

No Low-Speed Vehicle may be parked, standing or operated on State House Grounds, unless it is operated by DGS or BPS.

§5.1.2 LOW-SPEED VEHICLE DEFINED

Low-speed vehicles consist of, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) **MOTORIZED BICYCLE:** Any motor vehicle having either a tandem arrangement of two wheels equipped with tires which are sixteen inches (16 in.) or more in diameter or a tricyclic arrangement of three (3) wheels equipped with tires which are sixteen inches (16 in.) or more in diameter, having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, having an automatic transmission, and having a motor or engine which produces not more than one and one-half (1.5) brake horsepower (S.A.E. rating), has a piston displacement of not more than fifty cubic centimeters (50 cc), and is capable of moving the vehicle at a maximum speed of not more than thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph) on level ground when propelled exclusively by such motor or engine.
- (b) **MOPED:** A motorcycle or motorized bicycle equipped with functional pedals.
- (c) **MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE:** Any motorcycle having a motor or engine which produces five (5.0) brake horsepower (S.A.E. rating) or less.
- (d) **PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICE:** A motorized propulsion device, designed to transport only one person or a self-balancing, two non-tandem wheeled device, designed to transport only one person with an electric propulsion system, but excluding a battery-operated wheelchair or any "power driven mobility device."
- (e) **SEGWAY:** A Personal Mobility Device.
- (f) **SIMILAR MOTORIZED DEVICES:** Any other vehicle similar to those listed above that does not otherwise fall within Chapters 3 and 4.

**CHAPTER 6
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS WITHIN
THE STATE HOUSE AND THE STATE HOUSE GROUNDS**

§6.1 PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION

§6.1.1 RESTRICTION ON PUBLIC USE

Public travel in and occupancy of State House Grounds and the State House is restricted to the walks and places specifically prepared and authorized for that purpose.

§6.1.2 PROPERTY DAMAGE

No person shall use any portion of the State House or the State House Grounds as a playground or in any manner that may potentially cause destruction or injury to persons or property.

§6.1.3 CLIMBING AND SWINGING

Climbing, jumping, hanging or swinging onto or into any landscape or architectural feature on the State House or the State House Grounds is prohibited.

§6.1.4 SKATING AND PLAY VEHICLES

No person shall skate-board, roller-skate, roller-blade, ice-skate or sled in the State House or on State House Grounds. The use of scooters, kiddie cars, tricycles, wagons or any similar device is prohibited in the State House or on State House Grounds.

§6.1.5 GAME-PLAYING

No person shall kick, toss, throw or strike any ball, disc or object of any material, shape or size onto or into any area within the State House or State House Grounds.

§6.1.6 KITE-FLYING

Kite-flying is prohibited in the State House and on State House Grounds.

§6.1.7 MODEL ROCKETS, DRONES AND BOATS

The use of model rockets, remote or manually-controlled model gliders, model airplanes or unmanned aircrafts, drones, model boats and model cars is prohibited in the State House or on State House Grounds.

§6.2 CROWD CONTROL

§6.2.1 ESTABLISHING A POLICE LINE

When fires, accidents, wrecks, explosions, or other occasion causes or may cause persons to collect on any pathway or driveway on State House Grounds or in the State House, DGS, BPS or its designee may establish an area or zone necessary for the purpose of affording clearing for the following:

- (a) Operation of fireman or policeman,
- (b) The movement of pedestrians for government needs,
- (c) The exclusion of the public from the vicinity of a riot, disorderly gathering, accident, wreck, explosion or other emergency; and
- (d) The protection of persons and property.

§6.2.2 OBEY AN ORDER

Each person present at the scene of an emergency occasion shall comply with any necessary order or instruction of any police officer.

§6.2.3 UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY

No person shall enter the emergency area or zone unless duly authorized by the person in command of the emergency occasion.

§6.2.4 BLOCKING AND OBSTRUCTING DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

It is forbidden to occupy the doorways of the State House or the driveways or sidewalks on State House Grounds in a manner that obstructs or hinders their proper use.

§6.3 SLEEPING OR LYING DOWN

§6.3.1 PAVED OR IMPROVED AREAS

No person shall sleep or lie down in the State House or on the paved or improved portions of or State House Grounds (such as streets, roads, sidewalks, walkways, steps, curbs, gutters, doorways, alcoves, walls or benches) at any time.

§6.3.2 UNPAVED AND GRASSY AREAS

No person shall lie down on any unpaved or unimproved grassy portion of the Grounds from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise.

§6.4 DRIVING INTO RESTRICTED AREAS

§6.4.1 SIDEWALK AND NON-ROADWAY AREAS

With the exception of vehicles authorized by DGS or BPS, the driver of a vehicle shall not drive within or across any sidewalk area, except at a permanent or temporary driveway that is not closed to the public; and no vehicle shall be operated on or across any part of the State House Grounds not prepared and designated for vehicular traffic.

§6.5 ANIMALS WITHIN STATE HOUSE GROUNDS

§6.5.1 NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS

No person shall drive, lead, herd, ride, release or conduct any sheep, swine, cattle, horse, mule, goat, elephant, duck, goose, fowl or any other non-domesticated animal on State House Grounds or in the State House. This section does not apply to authorized law enforcement or military horses horse drawn vehicles or during an official function of the State of South Carolina.

§6.5.2 LEASH LAW

No person shall bring a domesticated animal onto State House Grounds unless the animal is firmly secured by a leash not exceeding four (4) feet in length. No person shall bring a domesticated animal in the State House.

§6.6 METAL DETECTORS

With the exception of equipment officially authorized by the DGS or BPS no person may use or possess a mineral or metal detector, magnetometer or other metal detecting device on State House Grounds or in the State House.

§6.7 OPEN FLAMES, GAS GENERATORS AND OTHER INCENDIARY DEVICES

§6.7.1 OPEN FLAMES

Unless exempted by DGS, no person shall use or display any open flame; all candles, torches, lanterns, lamps or other similar items are prohibited.

§6.7.2 INCENDIARY DEVICE

With the exception of household lighters and ordinary matches, no item, substance or material capable of igniting another material is permitted on State House Grounds or in the State House.

§6.7.3 GAS GENERATORS

Gas generators are only permitted in areas as specified by DGS; all generators must be fueled and refueled off of State House Grounds.

§6.8 SALE OF GOODS, COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AND SOLICITATION

§6.8.1 CONVEYANCE OF GOODS AND MERCHANDISE

It is unlawful to use the State House Grounds or the State House to convey goods or merchandise except as officially authorized.

§6.8.2 VENDING

No person shall offer or expose any article for sale unless officially authorized to do so.

§6.8.3 COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING

No person shall display, place or maintain a sign, placard, or other form of advertisement unless officially authorized to do so.

§6.8.4 SOLICITATION

No person shall solicit fares, alms, subscriptions, or contributions unless officially authorized to do so.

§6.9 TRIPODS AND PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT

The use of tripods or other film or photography enhancement equipment is limited to grassy areas where pedestrian or vehicular traffic will not be impeded. Tripods may not be used for commercial photography unless officially authorized by DGS. Any tripod that does not conform to this regulation is subject to removal or relocation to another area on State House Grounds.

§6.10 TEMPORARY CLOSING OR CORDONING OFF OF STATE HOUSE GROUNDS

DGS, BPS or any other law enforcement officers acting in conjunction with BPS is authorized to issue an order temporarily closing or cordoning off any area or any part of State House or State House Grounds at any time if a determination is made that doing so is necessary for safety, convenience or protection.

§6.11 CLOSED OR CORDONED OFF AREAS ON STATE HOUSE GROUNDS

No unauthorized person shall enter any closed or cordoned off areas on State House Grounds or in the State House.

§6.12 PROHIBITED ITEMS ON STATE HOUSE GROUNDS

Firearms, dangerous weapons, explosives, or incendiary devices are prohibited in the State House and on the State House Grounds.

BPS or any other law enforcement officers acting in conjunction with BPS may search packages, backpacks, and other containers in the immediate possession of individuals who enter and are within the State House Grounds or the State House for the purpose of detecting prohibited items.