

Wedding Ceremony Permits

The Race Street Pier is a perfect location for wedding ceremonies, with beautiful landscaping, unique lighting and benches, amphitheater style seating, and the Delaware River and Ben Franklin Bridge as a majestic backdrop.

If you are interested in having your wedding on the Race Street Pier, please note that it can be reserved for wedding ceremonies only -- not wedding receptions or cocktail hours.

DRWC requires a permit for all wedding ceremonies on the Race Street Pier. Interested parties must apply for a permit, sign a contract, and pay a non-refundable fee before the permit is issued. Currently DRWC only offers permits for wedding ceremonies at Race Street Pier. All non-permitted wedding ceremonies will be asked to leave the property/properties.

Please read the details below before submitting your Wedding Ceremony Permit. For further questions, please contact Yolanda Young, Coordinator, at yyoung@drwc.org.

Overview

- Permits are for a 2-hour time period including set-up and breakdown.
- Permits cannot be used for wedding receptions or cocktail hours.
- Permits are \$200 in addition to a required \$100 security fee (non-refundable).
- One contracted security guard will be on-site to keep the general public from entering the ceremony site.
- Permit fees are non-refundable and permits are non-transferable to future dates or other user groups without prior approval by DRWC.
- DRWC is unable to reserve dates until the application, contract, and payment are received in full.
- All completed applications, payment, and signed contract must be received two weeks prior to the scheduled date for booking a wedding ceremony
- Race Street Pier does not have any accommodations for inclement weather; please make rain contingency plans with your reception venue.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the Race Street Pier.
- Guests are limited to 50 individuals.
- The Race Street Pier cannot be entirely closed for the wedding ceremony
 - See below for wedding location

Additional COVID-19 regulations

- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Applicant and all participants must follow all State and City of Philadelphia COVID guidelines

Guidelines

- Race Street Pier does not have available restrooms. Visitors can use the restrooms at Cherry Street Pier next door when the Pier is open to the public.
- PA systems and megaphones are prohibited. There is no access to electricity.
- Fastening or attaching any rope, signage, banner, flyer or other object to any tree, shrub, fencing or railing on Race Street Pier is strictly prohibited and automatically voids the permit.
- Applicant shall ensure that all parties involved shall not drive or park vehicles on sidewalks or entry ways to Race Street Pier.
- All rentals such as tables, chairs, arches, or other décor must be acquired through DRWC's exclusive equipment rental provider, The Party Center. Please contact Jason Tornetta, 610-935-8368, or jason@thepartycenter.com for more details about rental equipment. **Tents are not allowed on the Race Street Pier.**
- Provisions for parking are NOT included in the issuance of any DRWC permit.
- DRWC will not provide storage of equipment. DRWC is not responsible for anything accidentally left on-site.
- The Permittee agrees to faithfully observe and comply with the conditions, regulations and provisions prescribed herein and by the ordinances of the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation, the laws of the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Locations

Permits are only available for a specific part of the Race Street Pier as noted below. Permit holders must leave the property in the same degree of cleanliness and orderliness as found and will be responsible for enforcement of this requirement on its guests and/or participants. Permit holders agree to provide full restitution to DRWC for any damages, thefts, losses or costs to DRWC that may occur during the permitted activity.



Parking Options

- Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Market Street Parking Lot at Market Street and Columbus Boulevard.
- Parking is also available at the Holiday Inn Express, across the street from the pier. If you would like to make arrangements for parking, the management company contact is Michael Bozar, Senior Manager at Standard Parking, 215-568-4025.
- Valet parking is available through Weiss Royal Valet at 267-228-3900.
- Street Parking in front of the Race Street Pier are City of Philadelphia meters and are not under DRWC jurisdiction.

Fees

Permit fees are non-refundable and permits are non-transferable to future dates or other user groups without prior approval by DRWC. Deposits are required in advance for the full amount. All ceremonies are rain or shine with no rescheduling.

- Wedding Ceremony permits: \$200 for a 2-hour time period (non-refundable)
- Security: \$100 for a 2-hour time period (non-refundable). Security is mandatory.

A certificate of insurance must be provided for by the wedding party or by the wedding organizer on behalf of the wedding party, as well as all contracted vendors naming Delaware River Waterfront Corporation as the certificate holder and the following entities as additional insureds under the vendor's general liability policy:

- Delaware River Waterfront Corporation
- The City of Philadelphia
- The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

The certificate of insurance must reflect the following coverages:

- Commercial General Liability coverage with a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence with a \$1,000,000 annual aggregate.
- Workers' Compensation coverage with the statutory limits of \$100,000 each accident/\$100,000 each employee/\$500,000 policy aggregate.

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Reception Venues

Many couples choose to have their ceremony at the Race Street Pier and their reception at one of the fantastic options along the Waterfront. These Waterfront Partners all host wedding ceremonies and are an easy walk or drive from the Race Street Pier:

- Dave & Buster's
- FringeArts
- Hibachi
- Hilton at Penn's Landing
- Independence Seaport Museum
- Morgan's Pier (seasonal)
- The Moshulu
- Power Plant Productions
- Spirit of Philadelphia