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Circular Letter PLR 01/2025

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**Re: Planning and Development (Licensing of Outdoor Events – Planning and Development Act 2000) Regulations 2025 (S.I. No. 37 of 2025)**

I have been asked by Minister James Browne T.D., Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage to advise that he has signed the above set of Regulations which have immediate effect. A copy of the Regulations is attached for information.

These new Regulations amend provisions in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended (the Principal Regulations), relating to the licensing of outdoor events.

**Amendment to Article 186(1A) of the Principal Regulations**

The regulations amend article 186 (1A) of the Principal Regulations by the substitution of “36 month” for “24 month” and by the substitution of “36 months” for “24 months”.

By way of explanation, the regulations amend the period during which a pre-application consultation meeting on a proposed event under article 184 must take place, involving the local authority concerned, the person who intends to make an application for an



event licence and the prescribed bodies. The regulations extend the current 24 month period prior to a proposed event during which a pre-application consultation meeting on same is required to be held to 36 months. In the case of a licence application for a number of events, the period during which a pre-application consultation meeting is required to be held is extended from 24 months prior to the holding of the first event to 36 months prior to the holding of the first event.

The time period of multiple events not exceeding one year has also been removed, however it is a matter for each local authority to consider the appropriateness of an event or events contained within an event licence application on a case by case basis.

These changes are being made to take account of the longer time horizons and pre-planning that is now being required for certain events, particularly in the case of events of international importance, some of which are now being planned up to 3 years in advance.

Any queries in relation to this Circular letter should be emailed to [planningreform@housing.gov.ie](mailto:planningreform@housing.gov.ie).

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**Attachment for information:**

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