

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF) – Triangle Branch

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To: Town Council

We understand that the normal and usual procedure to get a permit to hold a vigil at the Franklin Street Post Office requires an application 48 hours before the event.

However, if and when President Bush starts his war against Iraq, people will want to come together immediately to have a safe forum to express their sadness and outrage.

In these unusual times, we respectfully request the Council to waive the normal requirement of 48 hours, since we will not have that much notice about the declaration of war.

We would like a permit that would allow us to gather at a time depending on when war is declared, on that day and the day after, as follows:

- * If war is declared before noon, to vigil that day noon to 7 pm, and again the next day noon to 7 pm.
- * If war is declared after noon and before 5 pm, to vigil 5-7 pm that day, and again the next day noon to 7 pm.
- * If war is declared after 5 pm, to vigil the next day, noon to 7 pm.

We will come to the Town Hall as soon as possible after the declaration of war to obtain the permit.

This town has a tradition of deep concern for what happens in this country, as well as its impact on other countries. We have a tradition of speaking out on issues of the day, including expressions of dissent. In light of the Town's recent resolution about war in Iraq, we hope that you will allow us to have this permit for a non-specified date. And we hope that we will not have to use it.

We appreciate the Town's flexibility in the many years of working with us in being able to voice our opinion on numerous occasions on numerous issues.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Hoyt
Co-chair