



Ajuntament de
Lloret de Mar

RULES OF USE FOR HOLDING EVENTS AT SANTA CLOTILDE GARDENS

BACKGROUND:

Over time, the qualities and unique nature of Santa Clotilde Gardens have been recognised by the various political authorities. The gardens were declared a Picturesque Site by the Spanish Government in October 1972 and were classified by the Catalan Government as a Site of National Cultural Interest in the category of Historical Gardens in 1994, as part of the process of reclassifying the picturesque sites that made up the Cultural Heritage of Catalonia at that time.

The ownership of Santa Clotilde Gardens was transferred to Lloret de Mar Town Council in June 1997. Since then, they have been classified as a Public Green Area and constitute a key strategic element in the positioning of Lloret de Mar as a town that wishes to offer an alternative type of tourism to the traditional sun and sand model of the Costa Brava.

The gardens were designed by Nicolau Maria Rubió i Tudurí in 1918, at the commission of the Marquis of Roviralta. The design of the gardens was directly inspired by the *noucentista* ideals that prevailed in Catalan culture at the time. By applying these ideals to garden design, Santa Clotilde acquired a very special and distinctive character. Meanwhile, although these gardens were in keeping with the landscaping tradition of the Renaissance model, they were executed right from the start with a style all of their own that makes them a precursor of Mediterranean landscaping. It would be accurate to say that Santa Clotilde Gardens represent the beginnings of this new landscaping model.

The Cultural Heritage Section of Lloret de Mar Town Council has managed the gardens since they were restored in 2006 under the direction of the landscaper Artur Bossy.

Given that in recent years the number of visits to the gardens has increased significantly and that there is a growing demand from companies and individuals to use Santa Clotilde Gardens as a venue for celebrations and events, the present rules (initially implemented as a pilot test for the provisional period of one year) aim to set out the general criteria that must be taken into account for the use of this unique site.

1.- Social use of Santa Clotilde Gardens

1.1.- Lloret de Mar Town Council may authorise the use of Sant Clotilde Gardens for corporate or private events with a maximum number of 150 attendees, in order to better ensure the good upkeep of the gardens. This authorisation will be provided in the form of a Mayoral Decree.

1.2.- Applicants must send a written request to the Cultural Heritage Section of Lloret de Mar Town Council, stating the date, type of event, number of attendees and length of time that the site will be occupied, in order for a report to be drawn up.

1.3.- Any events held in Santa Clotilde Gardens must be compatible with the visitor opening hours of the site.

2.- Applicants

2.1.- Applicants must agree in writing to respect the garden setting and the prohibition of vehicular traffic.

2.2.- Lloret de Mar Town Council will invoice applicants for any additional security costs incurred by the event.

2.3.- In the case of marriage ceremonies, applicants must agree not to throw any items that make a mess on the ground.

3.- Application and authorisation procedure

In order to request the use of Santa Clotilde Gardens, the procedure listed below must be followed:

3.1.- The applicant must submit the corresponding request form to the General Register for the Reception of Documents of the Town Council (OIAC). This request form will be transferred to the Cultural Heritage Section, which will study its feasibility.

3.2.- The request form can be obtained at the Citizen Information and Assistance Office (OIAC). The request form must list the applicant's details and the description of the activity that he/she wishes to carry out (date, times, maximum number of attendees at the event, etc.).

3.3.- The request must be submitted at least 15 days before the start of the planned activity.

3.4.- Once the request has been received, the Town Council will inform the Cultural Heritage Section, which will draw up the corresponding report.

3.5.- If the report is favourable to holding the event, it will be duly authorised by means of a Mayoral Decree and the applicant must sign an agreement accepting the conditions listed in point 2 of these rules.

3.6.- The Town Council reserves the right to request a deposit in cases where deemed necessary. At the end of the activity, and once checks have been carried out to ensure that the site has been preserved in the same state in which it was handed over, this deposit will be returned.

4.- Fees

4.1.- The use of this facility is subject to payment of the fees listed in the By-Law on Public Prices of Lloret de Mar Town Council, and the admission fee for each attendee of the event must be paid.

4.2.- If the nature of the requested activity requires special cleaning services or security staff, the applicant will be liable for these costs.

5.- Penalties

If, during the activity or on its completion, it is deemed that the listed conditions of use have been breached, this circumstance may be taken into account when processing future requests submitted by the breaching party.