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Who needs an outdoor music venue permit?

Venues or events that use sound equipment for outdoor amplified sound that is not fully enclosed by permanent, solid walls and a roof.

WHAT DOES THE REVIEW PROCESS INCLUDE?

SOUND IMPACT EVALUATION

When you apply for a sound permit, the Entertainment Services Group staff will conduct an evaluation to determine what, if any sound mitigation measures will be necessary in order to make your event compatible with nearby uses.

SOUND IMPACT PLAN

As part of your sound permit, you will receive a Sound Impact Plan (SIP). The SIP states the permitted hours, decibel limit of outdoor sound at your event and any other sound mitigation requirements.

The Music Office reviews all applications for potential impacts to the surrounding area. A Sound Impact Plan cannot exceed the maximum hours, but may restrict the hours of amplified sound below the maximum allowed.

SOUND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Amplified sound is typically directed away from residences. It is strongly recommended to use speakers with pattern control appropriate for the space, speakers mounted at optimum downward angle and directional low frequency subwoofers.



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When and how long is Outdoor Amplified sound allowed?

The city has two designated entertainment districts, Historic 6th St, and the Warehouse district. Each of those districts has outdoor sound allowances of 10:00am to 2:00am. Outdoor locations within 600' of residential zoning and use may go as late as 8:00pm Sunday-Thursday, and 10:00pm on Friday and Saturday.

EXTENDED OUTDOOR AMPLIFIED SOUND HOURS

Can events/venues receive extended maximum hours of outdoor amplified sound during the Spring Festival season?

Yes. Temporary Events and Outdoor Music Venues can apply for extended hours. To apply, please visit www.atxmusic.org and click the "Venues" tab.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Can an outdoor sound permit be issued in a residential area?

- A sound permit may not be issued in areas zoned and used as residential
- Sound equipment may be operated in a residential area up to 75 decibels, between the hours of 10:00am and 10:00pm

