CITY OF AUSTIN Development SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Outdoor Music Venue Permit Application

DevelopmentATX.com | Phone: 311 (or 512-974-2000 outside Austin)
For submittal and fee information, see austintexas.gov/digitaldevelopment

Instructions

1. Please legibly print or type all information being requested on this application.
2. Attach a dimensional site plan and stage layout.
3. Attach a copy of a Certificate of Occupancy and Austin Fire Department Occupant Load Card.
4. For submittal information, please see http://austintexas.gov/digitaldevelopment

Fees: See Development Assistance Center Fees at http://www.austintexas.gov/department/fees: Outdoor Music Venue Review, Sound Permit – Outdoor Music Review, and Notification.

Download application before entering information.

Contact Information

Venue Manager Name: _____ Phone: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Business Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Property Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Venue Information

Venue Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Size (sq. ft.): _____ Capacity (attach load card): _____

District (*select one*): ☐ Warehouse District – *see Noise and Amplified Sound link below, Section 9-2-1 – Definitions*

☐ Sixth Street District – *see Noise and Amplified Sound link below, Section 9-2-1 – Definitions*

☐ Other

Restaurant General (with 51% food sales): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amplified Sound Information

For Austin Code of Ordinances Chapter 9-2 – Noise and Amplified Sound, please see https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT9PRAC_CH9-2NOAMSO

Amplified sound must be directed away from residences and comply with all conditions set forth in the Sound Impact Plan. Visit http://www.austintexas.gov/department/sound-permits for information regarding permit requirements.

Responsible Party in charge of sound: _____ Phone: _____

Sound Company: _____ Phone: _____

Source of Sound: _____ SPL of Speakers at 1 yard: _____

Number of Speaker Cones: _____ Size of Speaker Cones: _____

Sound Mitigation Measures Planned or Implemented:

_____

_____

Proposed Hours of Amplified Sound

Sunday: _____ to _____ Monday: _____ to _____

Tuesday: _____ to _____ Wednesday: _____ to _____

Thursday: _____ to _____ Friday: _____ to _____

Saturday: _____ to _____

Sound Compliance History

In the past year has any employee, agent or representative of the venue where sound equipment will be located received a citation(s) related to sound permit violations? Please list, if any, how many warnings and citations the venue has received and briefly explain the cause of each (no sound permit, playing past cut-off times, exceeding the decibel limits, etc.):

Warnings: ☐ Not Applicable Number: _____

Cause(s): _____

Citations: ☐ Not Applicable Number: _____

Cause(s): _____

Neighborhood Outreach

Applicant is encouraged to notify the neighborhoods and residents surrounding the venue. A list of all Neighborhood Organizations who are registered with the City of Austin is available at www.austintexas.gov/cr. The Music Office can help you determine the extent of community outreach and notification that your proposed event requires.

Nearby neighbors and businesses you have contacted:

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_____

_____

_____

Signature

☐ I have obtained a copy of the Noise and Amplified Sound ordinance and related administrative rules and agree to comply with all applicable requirements.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Printed Name: _____

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Date received: _____ Reviewed by: _____

Case #: _____ Date application sent to Music Office: _____

Date Notification sent: _____ Date application approved: _____

Outdoor Music Venue Permit Information

Investigation
The Music Office is required under Austin City Code of Ordinances Section 9-2-50 (Music Office Review) in Chapter 9-2 of the sound ordinance to conduct an appropriate level evaluation, based on the type of permit being requested and the potential impact to the surrounding community. This investigation may include on-site inspections including sound measurements, discussions with nearby residents and business owners, and any additional research relevant to assessing potential impacts. A Sound Impact Plan (SIP) is then written by the Music Office based on the findings of the investigation.

Timeline
Per City Code, the Music Office is to receive an application from the DAC within three business days of submittal. The Music Office will conduct an appropriate level investigation, prepare a report recommending approval or denial of the application with any appropriate conditions and restrictions, and return it to the Development Services Department (DSD). The final determination will be made by DSD no later than 45 days after the application is submitted.

Entertainment District Allowances

- Warehouse or Sixth Street Entertainment: Sound equipment may be operated up to 85 decibels between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., unless a more restrictive decibel limit is set forth in the Sound Impact Plan.
- Outside either district: Sound equipment may be operated up to 85 decibels or up to 70 decibels at a restaurant general (51% food sales), unless a more restrictive decibel limit is set forth in the Sound Impact Plan. Sound equipment may be operated between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and:
    1. 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday
    2. 11:00 p.m. Thursday
    3. 12:00 midnight Friday or Saturday
- Outside either district and within 600 feet of a property with residential zoning & use: Sound equipment may be operated up to 85 decibels or up to 70 decibels at a restaurant general (51% food sales), unless a more restrictive decibel limit is set forth in the Sound Impact Plan. Sound equipment may be operated between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and:
    1. 8:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday (extension to 10:00 p.m. possible with Music Office approval)
    2. 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday (extension to midnight possible with Music Office approval)

Revocation of Permit
As stated in City Code Section 9-2-65 (Revocation of Live Music Permit), the Music Office may recommend that a permit be revoked for repeatedly exceeding the allowable decibel limits, hours of permitted sound amplification, or for other violations of conditions set forth in the Sound Impact Plan. The permit expires at midnight on the first anniversary of the date it was issued. It is the applicant's responsibility to apply for permit renewal prior to expiration. The accountable official may refuse to issue or renew an outdoor music venue permit if the permittee has been convicted of more than two permit violations under Chapter 9-2, or if the property where the sound equipment will be used has received more than two permit violations.