

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9-2 RELATING TO THE HOURS AN  
2 OUTDOOR MUSIC VENUE LOCATED IN THE RED RIVER CULTURAL  
3 DISTRICT MAY OPERATE SOUND EQUIPMENT.

4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

5 PART 1. FINDINGS.

6 The council finds the following:

- 7 (1) The Music Commission’s Recommendation No. 20161107-4 highlighted the  
8 impact of the Red River Cultural District on local live music industry.
- 9 (2) The City is committed to ensuring that live music venues along Red River  
10 Street continue to serve as incubators for local musicians; and to protecting  
11 the quality of life for residents and visitors.
- 12 (3) Ordinance No. 20170126-019 created a six month pilot program that  
13 authorized extended decibel limits and hours to operate sound equipment at  
14 outdoor music venues located along Red River Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
15 Streets.
- 16 (4) Ordinance No. 20171019-007 extended the pilot program until April 30,  
17 2018.

18 PART 2. Section 9-2-1 (*Definitions*) is amended to add a new definition of “Red  
19 River Cultural District” to read as follows and to renumber the remaining  
20 definitions accordingly:

- 21 (9) RED RIVER CULTURAL DISTRICT means the area:
- 22 (a) that begins at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street (East) and the west bank  
23 of Waller Creek;
- 24 (b) north along the west bank of Waller Creek to 11<sup>th</sup> Street (East);
- 25 (c) west along 11<sup>th</sup> Street (East) to Red River Street;
- 26 (d) north along the east side of Red River Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street (East),  
27 including the property located at the northeast corner at the  
28 intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Red River Street;
- 29 (e) south along the west side of Red River Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street (East);

- 1 (f) west along 11<sup>th</sup> Street (East) to Trinity Street;
- 2 (g) south along Trinity Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street (East);
- 3 (h) east along 9<sup>th</sup> Street (East) to Neches Street;
- 4 (i) south along Neches Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street (East); and
- 5 (j) east along 7<sup>th</sup> Street (East) to the west bank of Waller Creek, the
- 6 place of beginning.

7 **PART 3.** Subsection (A) of Section 9-2-30 (*Decibel Limits for Outdoor Music*) is

8 amended to read as follows:

9 **§ 9-2-30 Decibel Limits for Outdoor Music**

10 (A) Unless a more restrictive decibel limit is required by a temporary event

11 impact plan, a condition on an outdoor music venue permit, or by another

12 provision of this code, sound equipment for which a permit has been

13 issued under Subpart B (*Live Music Permits*) may be operated at the

14 following decibel levels:

15 (1) Up to 85 decibels between 10:00 a.m. and:

16 (a) 10:30 p.m. on Sunday through Wednesday;

17 (b) 11:00 p.m. on Thursday; or

18 (c) 12:00 midnight on Friday or Saturday.

19 (2) Up to 85 decibels at an outdoor music venue with an occupancy

20 capacity of 600 or fewer people located in the Warehouse District or

21 Sixth Street District, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

22 (3) Up to 85 decibels during spring festival season, between 10:00 a.m.

23 and 2:00 a.m.

24 (4) Up to 85 decibels at an outdoor music venue located in the Red River

25 Cultural District, between 10:00 a.m. and:

26 (a) 10:30 p.m. on Sunday through Wednesday;

27 (b) 12:00 midnight on Thursday; or

28 (c) 1:00 a.m. on Friday or Saturday.

29 **PART 4.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Mayor

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