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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3539, Agenda Item #: 11.

11/14/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 9-2 (Noise and Amplified Sound) relating to temporary amplified sound permits and hours to operate sound equipment on New Year's Eve.

Lead Department

Economic Development Department

Prior Council Action:

November 29, 2018 - Council approved ordinance no. 20181129-039 which included direction to prepare and present an ordinance that amends Chapter 9-2 to establish hours to operate sound equipment on New Year's Eve at a permitted outdoor music venue.

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Additional Backup Information:

This ordinance allows permitted outdoor music venues to extend the hours to operate sound equipment on New Year's Eve, as directed in Council ordinance no. 20181129-039.

In spring of 2018, Council approved an ordinance creating Chapter 4-20 (Special Events), which amended Chapter 9-2 (Noise and Amplified Sound) to remove requirements for 24-hour and multi-day amplified sound permits. Over the last six months, staff has found that a large majority of temporary outdoor events with amplified sound are covered by a special events permit, there are a small number of events that are not subject to Chapter 4-20 (Special Events). While these events could secure an outdoor music venue permit, it is not practical for events that occur on such a limited basis. The temporary sound permit authorized in this ordinance would allow those events, such as 1-day church festivals, to obtain a temporary sound permit.