

**ORDINANCE NO. 20210729-173**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOURS SOUND EQUIPMENT MAY BE USED FOR THE 2021 PRIDE PARADE TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 14-15, 2021.**

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

**PART 1. FINDINGS.** The Council finds the following:

- (A) On March 6, 2020, Mayor Steve Adler issued a Declaration of Local Disaster pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 418, ratified by City Council Resolution No. 20200312-074, to allow the City to take measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and protect the health and safety of Austin residents.
- (B) Since March 6, 2020, Mayor Adler issued numerous orders related to the pandemic.
- (C) On March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott proclaimed a state-wide state of disaster due to the COVID-19 pandemic and has since issued numerous Executive Orders related to the pandemic.
- (D) For several months thereafter, the Mayor's and Governor's Executive Orders restricted gatherings for the purpose of reducing the spread of COVID-19. As a result, special events were cancelled.
- (E) In 2020, Pride intended to celebrate its 30th anniversary but the parade and festival were cancelled due to COVID-19 and the related orders.
- (F) Both the parade and festival involve the use of sound equipment. However, this year, Pride intends to hold its parade but not the festival. This means that the cumulative impacts from the use of sound equipment at both events will not occur.
- (G) With only one event, extending the hours sound equipment may be used will not undermine the purpose of the limits in Section 4-20-43 (*Sound Equipment for Outdoor Special Event Venues*) of the City Code.

**PART 2.** For the reasons described above, council amends Section 4-20-43 (*Sound Equipment for Outdoor Special Event Venues*) of the City Code to extend the hours sound equipment may be used in a right-of-way closure area as part of the 2021 Pride parade that begins on August 14, 2021 and continues until 1:30 a.m. on August 15, 2021. This amendment authorizes the 2021 Pride parade to use sound equipment until 1:30 a.m. on August 15, 2021.

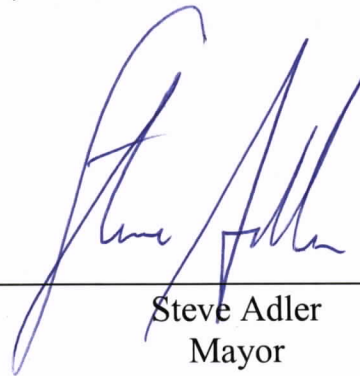
**PART 3.** The amendment provided in Part 2 of this ordinance does not waive required City staff approvals.

**PART 4.** This ordinance takes effect on August 9, 2021.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

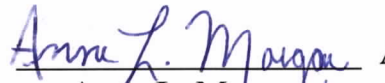

July 29, 2021

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Steve Adler  
Mayor

**APPROVED:**

  
Anne L. Morgan *by*   
City Attorney

**ATTEST:**

  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk