



Outdoor Music Venue Permit Application

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Instructions

1. Please legibly print or type all information being requested on this application.
2. Attach a dimensional site plan and stage layout.
** Please make sure location and orientation of speakers is noted on site plan. If you know the size (sq ft) of audience area(s)/patron space(s) please include it.*
3. Please ensure that the space(s) on the property proposed for outdoor sound are permitted for occupancy. If you have questions about your space, email us for assistance.
4. Attach the certificate of formation for the corporation, LLC, or partnership that owns the business operating the establishment.
5. For submittal information, please see <http://austintexas.gov/digitaldevelopment>

Fees: See the fee schedule here under “Other Permits and Fees”: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/fees>

*For questions, email soundpermits@austintexas.gov

Download application before entering information.

Contact Information

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Business Owner Rep Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Business Name: _____ Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Business: Sole Proprietor LLC Partnership Corporation

**Please attach the certificate of formation for the corporation, LLC or partnership that owns the business operating the establishment*

Venue Information

Venue Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Capacity (attach load card): _____

- District (*select one*): Warehouse District
 Sixth Street District
 Red River Cultural District
 Not Applicable

For district boundaries visit: [Chapter 9-2-1 Noise and Amplified Sound – Definitions](#)

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

Amplified Sound Information

Provide:

1. The Make, Model, and Quantity of all speakers
2. Photos of all the speakers

**Please make sure location and orientation of speakers is noted on the site plan*

Proposed Hours of Amplified Sound

Sunday: _____ to _____

Monday: _____ to _____

Tuesday: _____ to _____

Wednesday: _____ to _____

Thursday: _____ to _____

Friday: _____ to _____

Saturday: _____ to _____

- Maximum allowed hours for outdoor sound info is on our webpage: <https://www.austintexas.gov/page/outdoor-amplified-sound>

Required Notice

Notice to property owners and neighborhood organizations within 600 feet is required within 14 days of submitting the application. The notice can be mailed by the City for a fee, or the applicant may choose to self-notify with City staff oversight without a fee.

Email soundpermits@austintexas.gov for more info on how many notifications are required for your application

Neighborhood Outreach

A list of all Neighborhood Organizations who are registered with the City of Austin is available at www.austintexas.gov/cr.

If you have done any neighbored outreach, please describe:

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. [Chapter 9-2 Noise and Amplified Sound](#)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Printed Name: _____

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Date received: _____ Reviewed by: _____

Case #: _____ Date application assigned for Permit Review: _____

Date Notification sent: _____ Date application approved: _____

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Operating Hours for Outdoor Amplified Sound

The specific hours for each establishment are customized in the permit. The latest times for outdoor amplified sound allowed by city code vary based on location:

Citywide*	Red River District	6th Street & Warehouse Districts (establishments with capacity of 600 or less)
Monday-Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	Monday-Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	Monday-Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.	Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.
Friday/Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.	Friday/Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.	Friday/Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

*Permits within 600 feet of property zoned and used as residential have maximum hours of Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday/Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and can be extended up to 2 hours per day with support from nearby owners, tenants, and neighborhood organizations.

Permits may not be issued for the use of sound equipment within 100 feet of property zoned and used as residential.

Sound Level Limits for Outdoor Amplified Sound

The specific sound levels for each establishment are customized in the permit and typically include both dBA and dBC maximums. The loudest sound level allowed by city code is 85 dBA with a 70 dBA maximum for restaurant uses.

Review and Approval Process

A sound permit review is conducted to evaluate the potential impacts to the surrounding community. Reviewers will recommend approval or denial of the application and determine appropriate conditions and restrictions, including heightened restrictions related to decibel limits and/or hours of operation, if needed to protect public health and safety. This review 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 is created documenting the allowances, restrictions, and requirements associated with the approved permit. The permit and sound impact plan will be issued and must be on-site at the establishment and available for inspection. The Outdoor Music Venue permit is valid for one year and then must be renewed. The outdoor sound allowances, including hours and sound levels, are customized for each permit based on the review criteria.