



Temporary Outdoor Sound 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. 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 about fees email soundpermits@austintexas.gov*

Download application before entering information.

Contact Information

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____
Business Name: _____ Phone: _____
Business Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Venue Information

Venue Name: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Capacity (anticipated attendance): _____
Restaurant General (with 51% food sales): Yes No

Event/Programming Information

Type of Event/Programming (Concert, Private Party, Fundraiser, etc.)

Description of Event/Programming:

Amplified Sound Information

Source of Amplified Sound (Live Band, DJ, Recorded Music, Other):

Sound System Details

1. The Make, Model, and Quantity of all speakers and monitors:
**Please make sure location and orientation of speakers is noted on site plan*

2. If the permit is for a live band, list the confirmed or anticipated # and type of instruments and amplifiers.

Proposed Dates and Hours of Amplified Sound

Multi-Day applications may include up to four consecutive days or non-consecutive days in a 30 day period. A maximum of 19 days of outdoor amplified sound may be issued to one site or property per calendar year.

Date 1: _____ Hours: _____ to _____

Date 2: _____ Hours: _____ to _____

Date 3: _____ Hours: _____ to _____

Date 4: _____ Hours: _____ to _____

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

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 application approved: _____

Outdoor Music Venue Permit Information

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.