

City of Lafayette Sound Amplification Permit

Sound Amplification Permits are required for private events that will be using sound-amplifying equipment such as, music amplifiers, boom boxes, public address systems, stereo equipment or other noise-producing devices.

Those who live in a community governed by a home owners association must have cleared the event through their HOA before applying. Every effort should be made by all applicants to inform their neighbors of the upcoming event.

A Sound Amplification Permit allows the holder to temporarily exceed permitted noise levels established by City code from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm., Monday through Saturday and from 12: p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The permit does not excuse failure to comply with orders of law enforcement personnel, firefighters or other emergency workers and it does not provide immunity from the complaints of third parties. The permit holder must take all necessary steps to resolve complaints about their use of amplified sound.

Applications must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the event. A copy of the Sound Amplification Permit Application may be obtained in the office of the City Clerk, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or downloaded from the City's website. The applicant must pay a fee of \$10 in person at City Hall.

The City Clerk will issue the permit and a copy of the application and permit will be forwarded to the Lafayette Police Department. The applicant must post the permit in a visible location in the immediate vicinity of the event.



SOUND AMPLIFICATION PERMIT
(Chapter 75, Article X of the Lafayette Municipal Code)
Fee: \$10.00

Applicant: _____ Phone: _____

Applicant Address: _____
Street City

Owner of Equipment: _____ Phone: _____

Owner Address: _____
Street City

Description of Sound Amplifying Equipment /noise disturbance activity:

Location where equipment will be operated or noise disturbance activity will be conducted:

Are you a member of an HOA? _____ Permission Granted for Event by HOA? _____

Describe the Event at which equipment will be operated or noise disturbance activity will be conducted:

_____ Commercial Purpose _____

_____ Noncommercial Purpose _____
(Residential)

Date and time requested for equipment use: _____ Date _____ Time _____

- 1 I understand that a Sound Amplification Permit does not authorize violation of city or state laws, except to the limited extent that it allows for temporarily exceeding permitted noise levels established by city code.
- 2 I understand that a Sound Amplification Permit does not excuse failure to comply with orders of law enforcement personnel, firefighters or other emergency workers, and that it does not provide immunity from the complaints of third parties.
- 3 I will make every effort to inform my neighbors of the upcoming event that has prompted the need for a sound permit.
- 4 By accepting this permit I agree to take all steps necessary to resolve complaints about my use of amplified sound.

Applicant signature: _____

By offering this permit, the City of Lafayette does not accept any responsibilities, expressed or implied for any damage arising out of the use of this permit, nor does the City have any responsibilities, expressed or implied for any damages arising out of, or connected in any way with the use of this permit.

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR SMALL EVENTS:
(private parties, neighborhood events)**

Will not cause an unreasonable interference with pedestrian or traffic safety.

Will not violate permit hour restriction of permit. Noise from the activity will not unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of any residential neighborhood.

Noise Disturbance will be allowed on Monday through Saturday between the hours of:
10:00 am to 10:00 pm

Noise Disturbance will be allowed on Sunday between the hours of :
12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

The Parks Department may adjust time limits for sound amplification in the City parks

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR LARGE EVENT VENUES:
(city sponsored events)**

For large event venues, the use of a sound amplification device is restricted to the periods between 10:00 am and 10:00 pm Monday through Thursday, between 10:00 am and midnight on Friday and Saturday, and 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Sunday.

Unreasonable noise means any sound of such level, intensity or duration as may or tends to be injurious to human health or welfare, or that unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life or property, or causes damage to any property.

**POLICE MAY REVOKE PERMIT IMMEDIATELY IF REQUESTS TO TURN DOWN THE
VOLUME ARE IGNORED.**