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CITY OF CONROE
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AMPLIFYING PERMITS
City of Conroe, Code of Ordinances
Chapter 26, Section 128

- A. No person shall use or cause to be used any loudspeaker, loudspeaker system, sound amplifier or other machine or device which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound outside of buildings or other enclosed structures without first obtaining a permit to do so.
- B. An application/permit required shall be made on a form prescribed requiring the location where the equipment is installed and such other information that may be necessary. A map will be provided showing a 300-ft. three hundred foot perimeter for which signatures and phone numbers will be required (Mandatory) for each residence and/or business within the 300-ft three hundred foot perimeter area.
- C. The permit shall be issued for one (twelve-hour) period between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- D. The permit fee shall be a non-refundable \$25.00 fee for the administrative costs.
- E. Please check with the Lake Conroe Area Convention & Visitors Bureau's Calendar of Events website at <http://www.lakeconroecvb.org/evdbz.cfm>. Please fill out the Events Submission Form if you wish to have your event posted on their calendar. Otherwise please check their calendar for event conflicts.

A copy of their Events Submission Form is attached for your convenience as well as a copy of the City of Conroe's amplification application is attached. A copy of City Ordinance Chapter 26, Section 128 can be obtained at Conroe City Hall, 300 W. Davis, Conroe, Texas.

NOTE: Specific technical questions in regard to any project shall be addressed to the Chief Building Inspector, either in writing or by telephone: (936) 522-3610.

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**AMPLIFICATION APPLICATION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Date Requested: _____ Time of Day: _____ to _____

Purpose of Sound Equipment: _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Person In Charge of Sound Amplifying Equipment: _____

Address of Location: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Description of Location:

Type of Equipment That Will Be Used:

NOTE:

- This request must be made to the Permit Department at least 10 (ten) days prior to the event in order to process.
- A \$25.00 non-refundable fee must accompany this application.
- The permit is valid for one (1) twelve hour period between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00p.m.
- The permit shall not be issued for the same location for more than three times during a thirty-day period.

It is an exception to the application of the provisions of this section that the outdoor sound amplification system:

- Is installed or operated upon premises under the ownership or control of the owner or operator of the system.
- Is intended primarily for the purpose of making the sound of music or human speech audible to persons upon the premises on which the system is located.

Signature of Applicant

Date

PENALTY: ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00). EACH DAY THAT ANY VIOLATION CONTINUES SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

CC. Police Department; Fire Department

\$25.00 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE COLLECTED: _____

**City of Conroe, Code of Ordinances
Chapter 26, Section 121-130**

Outdoor sound amplification permit.

- A. No person shall use or operate a sound amplification device that emits sounds audible within a public street or other outdoor place without a valid sound amplification permit.
- B. A person desiring to obtain a sound amplification permit shall make application to the director of community development on a form prescribed by the director. The application must include the name, address and telephone number of the applicant; the address or location upon which the applicant proposes to use or operate a sound amplification device; and the hours during which the applicant proposes to use or operate such device. A non-refundable fee of ten dollars (\$25.00) must accompany the application.
- C. It is an exception to the requirements of this section that the sound amplification system does not produce a sound that exceeds the dB(A) levels established by this chapter as prima facie evidence of a sound nuisance. (Ord. No. 1266-94, § 1, 5-26-94; Ord. No. 1565-01, § 2, 8-23-01) Chapter 26, Section 129

Conditions of a sound amplification permit.

- A. Outside the designated large event venues a sound amplification permit may not be issued to permit operation of a sound amplification device at a location closer than three hundred (300) feet from any church, school, hospital or residential property provided, however, that this requirement can be waived with the consent of the affected resident, church, school or hospital.
- B. Outside the designated large event venues a sound amplification permit may not be issued for the same location more frequently than once every thirty (30) days.
- C. Outside the designated large event venues a sound amplification permit shall restrict operation of the sound amplification device to the periods between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. During such permitted hours no sound amplification device may be used or operated in such a manner as to produce a sound in excess of 85 dB(A) as measured one hundred (100) feet in front of the device, or at any boundary of the property on which the device is operated, whichever distance is less.
- D. Within the designated large event venues a sound amplification permit shall restrict operation of the sound amplification device to the periods between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, between 10:00 a.m. and midnight for events commencing on Friday and Saturday, and between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. no such amplification device may be used or operated in such a manner as to produce a sound in excess of 85 dB(A) as measured two hundred (200) feet in front of the device, or at any boundary large event venue in which the device is operated, whichever is lesser. Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and midnight the maximum sound limit shall be reduced to 80 dB(A)
- E. Without the consent of the city council no sound amplification permit shall be issued permitting operations in any municipal park other than Candy Cane Park, Carl Barton Park or Heritage Park. No sound amplification permit shall be issued permitting operations in any city park without the consent of the director of parks who may impose such additional conditions as he shall deem appropriate.
- F. Operation of a sound amplification device in violation of the conditions of a permit shall be considered a sound nuisance. (Ord. No. 1565-01, § 3, 8-23-01) A copy of City Ordinance Chapter 26, Section 128 and 129 can be obtained at Conroe City Hall, 300 W. Davis, Conroe, Texas.

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