AMPLIFIED MUSIC AND SOUND

Amplified Music/Sound and/or Live Musical Performances are only allowed at certain City locations with a valid permit. Amplified Music/Sound and/or Live Musical Performances will not be allowed when there are competing uses in the same area. Additionally, neighborhood approval and a comprehensive Sound Management Plan may be required for events held in locations surrounded by residences.

Events held on the waterfront are required to have the amplified speakers face parallel to the ocean and not pointed directly at any waterfront businesses or restaurants. Events held in the Leadbetter Beach area are required to set up a minimum of 150 feet from the Shoreline Café. Please keep this in mind when planning your setup. Event setup, including placement of sound equipment, must comply with the approved site plan.

Sound Monitor Fee

When events include amplified musical performances that may occur continuously through the event and/or go into the evening hours, City-hired Sound Monitor(s) may be required to ensure compliance with decibel limits and curfew times. The Special Event Coordinator will determine if this requirement is necessary. The cost of the Sound Monitor(s) will be paid by the permittee.

Neighborhood Approval and/or Notification

The City expects that all special events will adopt a “good neighbor” approach with the residents and businesses adjacent to event locations. Sometimes events can severely impact a neighborhood’s on-street parking, vehicular traffic flow or normal noise level. In these situations, the City may require the event to receive pre-approval from more than 50% of the impacted neighborhood before a special event application will be considered. In other situations where impacts are less severe, the City may only require that an event provide advance notification to the neighborhood.

Noise Complaints

Please keep in mind that if noise complaints are reported, the Police, Park Ranger or Event Monitor may require you to turn the volume down or off. Failure to comply with requests from City staff or law enforcement may result in a citation or money withheld from the security deposit.

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