



OUTDOOR SOUND AMPLIFICATION PERMIT

1. No person shall use or operate a sound amplification system on public or private property that emits sounds audible at a distance of 30 feet or, when operated, causes a person to be aware of the vibration accompanying the sound at a distance of 30 feet from the source without first obtaining an outdoor sound amplification permit.
2. A person desiring to obtain a sound amplification permit shall complete and submit an application to Development Services 5-days prior to an outdoor performance of music at a festival or other type of event.
3. The Palestine Police Department will review the application and either approve or deny the amplification permit.
4. No permit will be issued prior to 7:00 a.m. or after 12:00 midnight.

Palestine Code of Ordinances/ Chapter 46. Environment/ Article II. Noise

Sec. 46-26. - Unreasonable noise prohibited.

The creation of any unreasonable loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise is prohibited and is declared a nuisance. Noises of such character, intensity and duration as are reasonably calculated to be detrimental to the life or health of any ordinary reasonable person are prohibited.

Sec. 46-27. - Sound amplifications systems.

It is unlawful for any person in either a public or private place within the city to operate any sound amplifier which is part of, or connected to, any radio, stereo receiver, compact disc player, cassette tape player, or other similar device in such a manner that when operated, it is audible at a distance of 30 feet or, when operated, causes a person to be aware of the vibration accompanying the sound at a distance of 30 feet from the source.

It is unlawful for any owner of private property within the city to knowingly allow the operation on that private property of any sound amplifier which is part of, or connected to, any radio, stereo receiver, compact disc player, cassette tape player, or other similar device in such a manner that when operated, it is audible at a distance of 30 feet or, when operated, causes a person to be aware of the vibration accompanying the sound at a distance of 30 feet from the source.

Exceptions.

- The provisions of this section do not apply to an authorized emergency vehicle or horns or other warning devices defined or required under Chapter 546 of the Texas Transportation Code.
- The provisions of this section do not apply to the use of amplification devices used in connection with outdoor performances of music at a festival or other event approved by or sponsored by the City of Palestine, or athletic events approved by or sponsored by a school district.
- Penalty. A person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.



OUTDOOR SOUND AMPLIFICATION PERMIT APPLICATION

EVENT INFORMATION

Event Name: _____

Description of Event: _____

Event Location: _____

Date(s) of Event: _____ Time(s) of Event: _____

No permit will be issued prior to 7:00 a.m. or after 12:00 midnight.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY INFORMATION

Name of Responsible Party: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Operation of a sound amplification device in violations of the permit shall be considered a sound nuisance.
(Ordinance O-25-12)

SIGNATURE

Name of Applicant (Print)

Signature of Applicant

OFFICE USE ONLY

Routed to Police Department by: _____ Date: _____

Approved Denied

Police Dept. Representative: _____ Date: _____