



SOUND (NOISE) PERMIT

I. WHEN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED:

You are required to have a noise permit if you:

- 1) Have amplified sound at any indoor or outdoor event and more than 100 people will attend.
- 2) Install, use or operate within the city a loudspeaker or other amplifying equipment in a fixed or moveable position or mounted upon any sound truck for purposes of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures or transmitting music to any persons upon a street, alley, sidewalk, park, place or other outdoor property.

II. WHAT A NOISE PERMIT ALLOWS:

The City of Davis noise ordinance (24.02.020 DCC) in part lists 3 types of noise “violations” you could be cited for.

- 1) The first is the “general noise prohibition”, which states it is a violation for a noise you create to be heard inside another person’s residence (as long as their windows and doors are closed).
- 2) The second type of violation is any noise you create which exceeds established decibel levels which are as follows:

RESIDENTIAL NOISE LIMITS

Residential areas 9 PM – 7 AM 50 decibels
7 AM – 9 PM 55 decibels

Commercial areas 10 PM – 7 AM 55 decibels
7 AM – 10 PM 60 decibels

- 3) Finally, it is a violation to produce any noise in excess of 80 decibels.

An approved Noise Permit makes you exempt from the first noise standard, and adds 20 decibels to the “residential noise limits” charts listed above. However, a Noise Permit does NOT allow you to ever produce noise that exceeds 80 decibels.

A Noise Permit is not a free pass to create as much noise as you like. There are limitations as spelled out in the Davis City Code, and violations of these limitations could still result in a citation being issued.

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III. LIMITATIONS/REQUIREMENTS FOR A NOISE PERMIT

- 1) A Noise Permit is valid until 12-midnight on weekends and holidays, and 10 PM on all other nights.
- 2) No permit will be issued if there has been a permit at the requested location or within 200 yards of it in the prior 3 months.
- 3) There must be no history of chronic noise violations.
- 4) Without exception, the application shall be submitted to the Police Department at least 16 days prior to the event.
- 5) All speakers must be at ground level, and no raised or double height speakers are allowed.
- 6) Only a maximum of 4 hours of noise/music is allowed.
- 7) PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION ON A NOISE PERMIT APPLICATION WILL CAUSE THE PERMIT TO BE CANCELLED AND SUBJECT THE APPLICANT TO AN IMMEDIATE CITATION IF THE EVENT IS STILL HELD AND RESULTS IN A VIOLATION OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE.

IV. WHO YOU MUST NOTIFY

- 1) Prior to any noise permit being issued, the applicant shall provide written notice to all residents within 200 yards of where the event is being held, and in the case of an apartment complex, to all residences on the same parcel.
- 2) This notification (on the attached form or other DPD approved form) must be completed at least 14 days prior to the event.
- 3) A complete and accurate list of all residences contacted, and a copy of the notice shall be returned to the Davis Police Department no later than 12 days prior to the day of the event.
- 4) FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE DAVIS POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH THE LIST OF NOTIFIED RESIDENCES WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE NOISE PERMIT.

V. APPLYING FOR THE PERMIT

- 1) Complete the attached application completely. (Incomplete applications will be returned).
- 2) Return the completed application to the front counter at the Police Department.
- 3) A non-refundable fee is required at the time the application is filed.
- 4) Notify all affected neighbors (see section II).
- 5) The application will be reviewed and the permit available (if approved) to the applicant at least 10 days prior to the day of the event.

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- 6) An approved application must be picked up at the front counter of the Police Department prior to the event.
- 7) The applicant **MUST** have the permit present at the event and available for inspection upon request by any Officer or Police Services Specialist of the Davis Police Department, otherwise the permit becomes null and void.

** All permits requiring resident notifications are subject to audit. Failure to comply with all provisions of the permit process may result in the denial of future permit app

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Rcvd by _____
Rcpt # _____
Routed To _____
Scheduled Incident _____

PERMIT APPLICATION

Type of Permit (check all that apply)

- () Sound (Noise) (Fee \$35.00) () Open Container-(Consumption of Alcohol)
11 or more people (Fee \$35.00) – No fee if other permit purchased
- () Street Use (Fee \$35.00) () Open Container-(Consumption of Alcohol)
10 or fewer people (Fee \$35.00) – No fee if other permit purchased
- () Outdoor or Portable Cooking
(Free with Street Use)

Event Information

Date of Event _____ Time of Event Start _____ End _____

Location of Event (For street closures provide entire route or attach map)

Type or Name of Event _____
Organization Affiliation
Responsible Party or Organization: _____

Date of Last Event at Same Location: _____

Type of Noise at Event
Live Band _____ Stereo _____ Loudspeaker _____ Noise Vehicle _____ DJ _____ Other _____

Name of Band or DJ

Description of Sound Equipment or Band

Type of Music (General): _____

Attendance
Private Party _____ Invitation Only _____ Open Party _____ Advertised _____ Other _____

Estimated Number of Attendees _____

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Person(s) In Attendance with Authority to Control Noise or Street Closure

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Will there be private security present? _____	
If yes, name of security company _____	

Alcohol Present/Provided

Is Alcohol Provided? _____	Will there be Alcohol at Event? _____
Are Minors Allowed? _____	Are Tickets Sold? _____
Do you have a Permit from Alcohol Beverage Control to Sell Alcohol? _____	
What type/quantity of alcohol will be served? _____	

Traffic Control Needed?

Type of Traffic Control Devices Needed: _____

Traffic Control Personnel Required: _____

Insurance

Type and Name of Insurer (For Street Use Permit)? _____

I understand and will comply with the conditions of this permit and the provisions of the Davis Municipal Code. If I fail to answer all questions completely and accurately, this permit will not be approved. I further understand that an approved permit may be cancelled at the discretion of the Davis Police Department or the Davis Fire Department for failure to complete any part of the permit approval procedure or for failure to obey the terms of the permit.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Date
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Date Form
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NOTICE OF PERMIT APPLICATION

Type of Permit *(check all that apply)*

- Sound
- Street Use
- Open Container

Date _____

Recipient Address _____

To Whom It May Concern:

_____ (Name of Applicant) has applied for a
Permit with the Davis Police Department for a _____
_____ (Type of Event).

The event will take place on _____
between the hours of _____ and _____
at _____
_____.

It is estimated that there will be _____ (# of People at Event), which will
consist of having a _____
_____ (type of activity).

Should you have any concerns about the event or intended street closure you may call
_____ at _____ (Name and Phone of Applicant).

Approval of the Permit for this proposed event may be appealed to the Davis Police Department (530) 747-5400 within 5 days of the receipt of this notice.

Type of permit applied for:

- () Sound Permit
- () Street Use Permit
- () Open Container Permit
- {*notification list not required if attendance is 10 or fewer}



Permit Resident Notification

Applicant Name _____

Location of Event _____

Date of Event _____

The applicant shall provide written notice of the event to all residences or businesses affected by the event at least 14 days prior to the date of the event. The written notice may be given to the resident, business owner, manager or other employee, or posted in a conspicuous place at the property receiving notification.

This list shall be returned to the Davis Police Department no later than 12 days prior to the event.

LIST OF RESIDENCES RECEIVING NOTIFICATION

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I declare under penalty of perjury that written notice of the proposed event was delivered to or posted at the above listed addresses.

Signed _____ **Date** _____