



# CABARRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Van W. Shaw, Sheriff

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## SOUND AMPLIFICATION/NOISE PERMIT

In Cabarrus County, NC, a noise permit is necessary for events or activities that will generate noise exceeding the established limits. The permit allows temporary amplified sound that would otherwise violate the local noise ordinance. Permits should be submitted to the Sheriff's Office at least 15 days before the activity's start date. If you have questions regarding the application process, contact 704-920-3060 for assistance.

Before submitting your noise permit application, please review the attached Cabarrus County Code of Noise Ordinances for details about noise levels, permitted hours, and other regulations.

If the nature of the sound or the volume level is so high that it disturbs the reasonable and ordinary peace of the community surrounding the event, the applicant(s) or responsible party(s) will be asked to lower the volume or shut down the event. Failing to comply with this request will invalidate the permit and may subject the applicant(s) or responsible party(s) to criminal prosecution if necessary.

### **Purpose of a Noise Permit:**

- Sound permits assist in controlling noise levels to prevent excessive or disruptive sound generated during events or activities, ensuring that residents are not unduly disturbed by noise from nearby events.

### **When a Permit is Needed:**

- If your event or activity involves amplified music, loud sounds, or any activity that generates excessive noise, you will need a permit. This could include concerts or outdoor gatherings that occur outside of normal business hours.

### **How to Obtain a Permit:**

1. Complete the application packet and submit it to the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office, Administrative Suite, 6th floor. The applicant(s) are responsible for notifying each property within 500 feet of the event property about the event 72 hours before it takes place. The notice shall state the event details (including the event date, time, and location).
2. The Sheriff will review the application, considering the nature of the event or activity, the location, and potential noise levels. The applicant or responsible party will be subject to a criminal background check to ensure there are no disqualifying offenses.
3. If the application is approved, you will receive a notification allowing you to proceed with the event or activity under the specified conditions.



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## SOUND AMPLIFICATION/NOISE APPLICATION FORM

### Applicant Information

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DL Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

### Event/Activity Information

Type of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DL Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Sheriff Van Shaw

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Approved**

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**Denied**

NOTE: By signing this application, the applicant(s) or responsible person(s) acknowledge that all Sound Amplification Permits are issued on a conditional basis.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CABARRUS**

**NOISE AMPLIFICATION ORDINANCE  
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the applicant for the sound amplification permit under Section 30-27 of Chapter 30, Article II of the Cabarrus County Code of Ordinance.
2. This Affidavit is based on my own personal knowledge of the events and circumstances described in the document.
3. I have determined through normal, reliable sources the names and addresses of the owners or occupants of each parcel of real estate within 500 feet of the boundaries of the property for which I have applied for the permit
4. I have mailed by certified and regular mail or delivered by hand or by courier a copy of the attached Notice to each of the persons listed in the attached Schedule.
5. The persons listed in the attached Schedule constitute all the owners or occupants of each parcel of real estate within 500 feet of the boundaries of the property for which the permit has been applied.
6. I understand that should the statements made by me in this affidavit be untrue, my sound amplification permit will be denied or revoked, and I may be subject to additional civil or criminal penalties.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Sworn to and subscribed before me:

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A SOUND AMPLIFICATION PERMIT**

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Date of Notice

Dear Sir or Madam,

This form is to notify you that the person listed below has applied to the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office for a Sound Amplification Permit. The county ordinance requires that the applicant mail or otherwise deliver to the occupants of each property within a 500-foot radius of the location where the sound will originate a notice stating the nature, date, and hours of the proposed event. This notice must be delivered at least 72 hours before issuing the requested permit.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, contact the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office at 920-920-3060.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTIFICATION TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS WITHIN 500 FEET

**Owner or  
Occupant Name**

**Address**

**Method of  
Serving Notice**

## ARTICLE II. NOISE

### CHAPTER 30, ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE 11 – NOISE, CABARRUS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

\*State Law References: Authority to regulate noise, G.S. 153A-133

#### **30-26. Penalty for violation of the article.**

Any person violating the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. (Ord. of 6-7-82, § 2)

#### **Sec. 30-27. Enumeration of prohibited acts.**

- a. Subject to provisions of this article, the creation of any unreasonable, loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise of such character as would be a detriment to public health, comfort, safety, welfare, and prosperity of the residents of the county is prohibited.
- b. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this article, but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:
  - (1) The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or if in motion only as a danger signal; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonable loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.
  - (2) The playing of any radio, phonograph or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during hours between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any person in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence.
  - (3) use of any automobile, motorcycle, or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in such manner as to create loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.
  - (4) The creation of any excessive and unreasonable noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, library or court while the same is in session, or adjacent to any hospital, or any church services, which unreasonably interferes with the working of such institution.
  - (5) The shouting and crying of peddlers, hawkers, vendors which disturbs the quiet and peace of the neighborhood.
  - (6) The use of any drum, loudspeaker or other instrument or device for any performance, show, sale, display or advertisement of merchandise, or any other commercial or noncommercial purpose, unless a permit for sound amplification has been obtained from the sheriff's department in accordance with section 30-28 of this article.
  - (7) The display of fireworks after the hour of 9:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and after the hour of 11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Exception is made for New Year's Eve, when fireworks may be displayed until 12:45 am on New Year's Day, and for Independence Day, when fireworks may be displayed until 11:00 p.m.

## **SEC. 30-28. Permits for sound amplification.**

- a. **Application:** The application for a permit for sound amplification under section 30-27 may be obtained from the sheriff's department or the clerk to the board of county commissioners. Completed applications shall be submitted to the sheriff's department at least 15 working days in advance of the planned use except in case of emergency. The applicant for a permit shall be responsible for sending a notice by certified and regular mail or by otherwise delivering the notice to the owners or occupants of each property within 500 feet of the parcel of real estate for which a permit has been applied. The notice shall state the type of event and date and hours of the event. The notice shall be sent on a form approved by the sheriff's office and shall be delivered at least 72 hours in advance of the event. The permit shall not be granted and issued until the applicant submits an affidavit satisfactory to the sheriff's office that such notices have actually been mailed or otherwise delivered. The applicant must attach to the affidavit a listing of the names of the owners or occupants and the street addresses of the properties notified pursuant to this section.
- b. **Review:** The application shall be reviewed by the sheriff or the sheriff's designee. The applicant will be notified of the approval or denial of the permit within three working days from the time the application was filed. If the application is approved, the permit shall include, among other things, the name or names of the individual person or persons who shall be in control of the sound amplification equipment and the date, time and nature of the event. If the permit is not granted, the reason for the denial shall be put in written form and delivered to the applicant.
- c. **Denial, exceptional permit.** If an applicant has been denied a permit under this section and believes the denial is illegal by virtue of applicable state or federal law, he shall promptly submit a copy of the denied permit application, together with a short statement of the reasons he believes he is entitled to a permit to the sheriff. The sheriff shall have the discretion to grant an exceptional permit waiving locational and time requirements, upon his determination that the applicant has made a substantial showing of legal entitlement.

(Ord. No. 1999-03, 5-17-99, Ord. No 2009-10, 6-15-09)