



TOWN OF MONTREAT

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AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Applicant Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____
Associated Entity: _____
Date of Event: _____ Number of Expected Participants: _____
Time of Event: _____ To: _____
Event Location: _____
Event Description: _____

Phone Number at _____ Alternate
Event Site: _____ Phone: _____

Type of Amplified Sound:

- () Live band
- () Recorded music
- () Voice
- () Other (Please specify): _____

Type of Amplification Equipment: _____
Size and Number of Speakers: _____
Acoustical Information: _____
Location of Closest Occupied Dwelling: _____
Comments: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date



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Amplified Sound Permit Scope Description

This permit allows the person named as the responsible party to use amplified sound in a manner consistent with Montreat General Ordinances Chapter I, Article II.

The event must end no later than 11:00 p.m.

The responsible party must be present at the event for its entire duration and monitor the sound production to ensure that it does not exceed the maximum decibel limits.

If the Montreat Police Department receives a complaint, an Officer will measure the decibel level of the noise at the property line. If the decibel level exceeds the maximum limit allowed by this permit, the Officer will request that the responsible party reduce the decibel level and maintain it at or below the maximum limit allowed by this permit. If the responsible party fails to comply with the Officer's request, the responsible party shall be found in violation of the above-referenced General Ordinance article and shall be cited for the violation. Upon such violation, the event shall be terminated.

All speakers and other sound-producing equipment shall be placed in a manner so as to cause the least impact on the general population. (Example: At an event in the Howerton Cafeteria parking lot, the speakers would be placed on the outer edge of the parking lot facing toward the building, thus causing less sound to be distributed outside the event area.) Any other method of containing the sound to the event area shall be employed and the responsible party is mandated to assist in every way to eliminate complaints and unnecessary discomforts to others in the Town. Placement of speakers and other sound-reducing methods will be discussed with the applicant during the application process for the permit and said placement site will be given to the applicant when the permit is issued.

The maximum decibel limit will depend on several factors, including but not limited to the type of event or activity and the location and close proximity of occupied dwellings, whether private home, hotel, school or business. The closer the nearest occupied dwelling, the lower the maximum allowable decibel limit will be. The type of activity will determine whether amplified sound is the primary entertainment (as at a dance) or secondary entertainment (as at a pool party). The use of amplified sound as a primary entertainment could carry a higher maximum allowable decibel limit than sound used as a secondary entertainment. The time of the event could also dictate a difference in the maximum decibel limit allowed. An event in the middle of the day could carry a higher decibel limit than an event in the evening.