



## Special Event Guidelines Amplified Sound

It is important to carefully assess the environment in which your event is proposed to take place in order to develop a plan that best limits the impact of sound generated by event activities to the surrounding neighborhood. Issues to consider include but are not limited to:

- The direction speakers are pointed.
- Use of directional speaker systems with cut-off points.
- Placement of smaller sound systems in specific locations throughout the venue rather than far-ranging single amplification systems.
- Sound checks must be authorized as part of your permit.
- Do not place speakers and sound system devices in areas that have not received authorization.
- Do not use amplified music during the set-up and dismantle of your event unless you have received prior authorization.
- Provide information to area residents and business that might be impacted by noise from your event. You should include a mobile number that is staffed by an event representative throughout the event set-up, event duration, and dismantle.

In most cases, issuance of a Citywide Special Event Permit will serve as your approval to use amplified sound within your event venue as outlined in your permit application. Loud and unreasonable noise at any time of day or night (including music) is a violation of state law. A police officer or park ranger that determines noise from your event is offensive to others may require you to lower or discontinue the noise even though you have a permit allowing such use. In some instances, you may be required to conduct decibel readings at pre-determined locations throughout your event time frame as part of your permit requirements.