



Public Works Department

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Request For Class “A”–Special Event/Park Noise Variance

A \$30 application fee is required.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

Name of event:
Reason why variance is needed:
Physical characteristics of involved sound (fireworks, amplification, number of speakers, and type of music, e.g., Country Western, Rock):
Location and address where the sound will be generated:
Date(s) and time period(s) when sound will be generated:

Signature _____ Date _____

(Do Not Write Below This Line)

- Request for a Class “A” Noise Variance has been **denied** (see attachment or notes below).
- Request for a Class “A” Noise Variance has been **approved subject to the following provisions** on the date(s) and time(s):
 - The volume of your event does not interfere with the ability of individuals in surrounding buildings to conduct their work.
 - The variance shall allow for a noise level no greater than that which would cause a Noise Disturbance for any noise sensitive areas in the area of your event.
 - If, in the sole judgment of any police officer, exercised in good faith, the sound level becomes a Noise Disturbance as defined in SRC 93.010, said officer shall have authority to modify this variance and require that the sound source be adjusted. This adjustment may include but is not limited to its cessation, redirecting speaker placement, limiting volume output, or any other similar requirement.
 - Compliance with all facility use rules and regulations. Adhere to Chapter 93, *Salem Revised Code*.
 - Other _____

Recreation/Public Events Supervisor _____ Date _____

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the fee for a Noise Variance Application?

A. It is \$30 for a single event that is less than 72 hours in duration (three days or less) and \$150 for events that exceed 72 hours (more than three days).

Q. If an event will occur on separate dates, but does not run for 72 hours or longer, do I need to submit a variance request for each date?

A. If you write all the dates on the original Noise Variance Application, then only one request for a variance is required. You need only submit a single \$30 application fee.

Q. If an event will run 72 hours or longer, do I need to submit a separate request for each date?

A. If you indicate all of the dates on the Noise Variance Application, then only one request for a variance is required. The fee is \$150 for such an event.

Q. Will the City issue a noise variance for amplified sound that originates in a typical residential or business district?

A. Generally speaking, the City does not issue noise variances for such activities since the Salem Revised Code already has specific noise regulations for these areas. While the City does not generally issue variances in these areas, that does not prohibit the event from being held. However, in such cases, the City recommends that event sponsors contact surrounding residents/businesses and inform them of the event date/time and supply them with the sponsor's phone number in case there are noise concerns/complaints.

Q. What if the City receives a noise complaint and I was not given a noise variance?

A. The best way to handle a noise complaint is to avoid one in the first place. Most complaints about amplified noises are received after 9 p.m., and/or are reported when the noise level is unreasonably loud or when the sound has been going on for a long period of time. Use common sense and be considerate of your neighbors.