

Frequently Asked Questions

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

- A. **Class A Permit:** \$30 for a single event that is less than 24 hours in duration outside of the DPD
- Class B Permit:** \$180 for an event that exceeds 24 hours in duration outside of the DPD
- Class C Permit:** \$60 for a single private event that is less than 24 hours inside the DPD or
\$180 for a single public event that is less than 24 hours inside the DPD
- Class D Permit:** \$360 for an event that exceeds 24 hours in duration and occurs within the DPD
(DPD = Downtown Parking District)

Q. Will the City issue a Noise Permit for amplified sound that originates in a typical residential district?

- A. Generally speaking, the City does not issue Noise Permits for such activities since the Salem Revised Code already has specific noise regulations for these areas. While the City does not generally issue Permits in these areas, that does not prohibit the event from being held. You would do so at your own risk.

Q. What if the City receives a noise complaint and I was given a Noise Permit?

- 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 9:00 p.m., 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.

Q. How do I “give notice” I am having an event?

- A. Notice requirements are listed in SRC 51.040. Please make sure you have a copy of the Noise Permit Notification Checklist. You will need to be able to verify you have delivered notice as necessary.

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