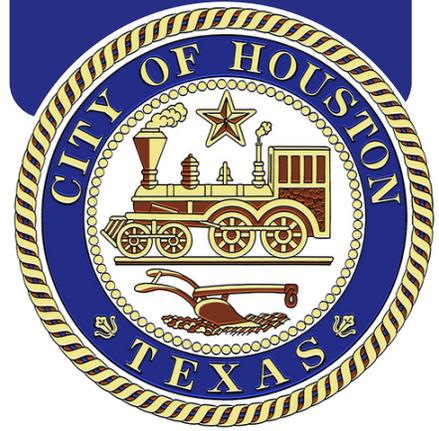


NOISE AND SOUND ORDINANCE

Chapter 30



September 6, 2022 Amendments



All commercial establishments that use amplified sound within 300 feet of a residence are required to get a permit.



Criminal fines for violations of the Noise and Sound Ordinance can be up to \$2,000.



Rules have been updated concerning permit revocation and the administrative hearing process.

CITY OF HOUSTON SOUND LEVEL REGULATIONS

Permits	Times	Days	Maximum Decibel (dB) Levels
Daily	8 AM - 10 PM	All	75 dB 
Extended Daily	8 AM - 10 PM	All	75 dB 
Annual	8 AM - 10 PM	Sun - Thu	75 dB 
Annual	8 AM - 11 PM	Fri - Sat	75 dB 
Commercial Establishment	8 AM - 10 PM	Sun - Thu	75 dB 
Commercial Establishment	8 AM - 11 PM	Fri - Sat	75 dB 
Commercial Establishment	10:01 PM - 2 AM	Sun - Thu	Measured from a Residence 58 dB 
			Measured from an Establishment 68 dB 
Commercial Establishment	11:01 PM - 2 AM	Fri - Sat	Measured from a Residence 58 dB 
			Measured from an Establishment 68 dB 
Commercial Establishment	2 AM - 7:59 AM	All	No amplified sound

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TYPES OF AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMITS

Daily Permit

Single-day permit for amplified sound

Extended Daily Permit

Multi-day events, not to exceed five days

Annual Permit

12-month permit renews annually

Commercial Establishment Permit

12-month permit renews annually
Required for any commercial establishment within 300 feet of a residence

Commercial Establishment

Any business that offers for sale or allows its patrons the ability to consume food or beverages

HOW TO APPLY



araregulatorypermitting@houstontx.gov



Houston Permitting Center
1002 Washington Avenue
Houston, TX 77002

COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS



Call HPD's Non-Emergency Number
713-884-3131

- Citations may be issued to those without a permit.
- Citations may be issued to those that exceed their permit's decibel levels.

Permit Suspension and Revocation

A permit may be suspended or revoked upon failure to comply with the provisions of the Noise and Sound Ordinance, Chapter 30.

A permit may be suspended or revoked if an establishment receives two or more convictions within a 36-month period.

The Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department will provide notice of permit suspension or revocation by certified mail.

An administrative hearing shall be held prior to the finalization of a suspension or revocation.

MORE INFO

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