



# Request for Input and Direction on Special Events and Facility Rentals at Town Owned Facilities

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## **Town's Mission Statement**

*“We take care of our citizens, the Town and each other by continuously making our community and organization better”*

# **Background**



## Capital Improvement Project:

- Oyster Factory Park Event Space
- Increased number of facility rentals
- Increased attendance at Special Events



# Location



# **Background**



The Municipal Code Addresses Activities on Town Facilities in Various Chapters:

- Chapter 12 - Article III. Noise Control
- Chapter 13 - Public Property
- Chapter 22 - Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public and Private Property, Article IV. Special Events Ordinance

# ***Proposed Amendments***



- Limit number of attendees to special events and facility rentals at certain Town facilities;
- Reduce hours for the event and/or amplified noise;
- Regulate bass and other nuisance sounds and lights; and
- Add additional penalties for violations.

# ***Proposed Amendments***



## Chapter 12 – Environment, Article III. Noise Control

- Cross reference other chapters and sections that further restrict noise for special events at specific Town facilities.
- Amend Table A. to further restrict hours and time permitted and lower the distance to the sound source for Oyster Factory Park.



# ***Proposed Amendments***



Day of Week	Outdoor Entertainment Allowed	Outdoor Live Entertainment Allowed	Time Permitted (if allowed)	Maximum Decibel Level – dB(A)	Distance to Sound Source
Sunday	Yes	Yes	12:00p.m.-10:00 <b><u>9:00</u></b> p.m.	50	250 feet <b><u>or</u></b> <b><u>125 feet*</u></b>
Monday	Yes	Yes	12:00p.m.-10:00 <b><u>9:00</u></b> p.m.	50	250 feet <b><u>or</u></b> <b><u>125 feet*</u></b>
Tuesday	Yes	Yes	12:00p.m.-10:00 <b><u>9:00</u></b> p.m.	50	250 feet <b><u>or</u></b> <b><u>125 feet*</u></b>
Wednesday	Yes	Yes	12:00p.m.-10:00 <b><u>9:00</u></b> p.m.	50	250 feet <b><u>or</u></b> <b><u>125 feet*</u></b>
Thursday	Yes	Yes	12:00p.m.-10:00 <b><u>9:00</u></b> p.m.	50	250 feet <b><u>or</u></b> <b><u>125 feet*</u></b>
Friday	Yes	Yes	12:00p.m.-10:00p.m.	50	250 feet <b><u>or</u></b> <b><u>125 feet*</u></b>
Saturday	Yes	Yes	12:00p.m.-10:00p.m.	50	250 feet <b><u>or</u></b> <b><u>125 feet*</u></b>

**\* If adjacent to a single-family residential use**



# ***Proposed Amendments***



## Chapter 13 – Public Property, Article II. Public Park, Dock and Boat Landing Rules

- Sec. 13-38. – Oyster Factory Park

Include a cross referenced to the Special Events Ordinance and specific regulations for this location.

# ***Proposed Amendments***



## Chapter 22 – Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public and Private Property, Article IV. Special Events Ordinance

\*new section

### ▪ Sec 22-120. – Town Facilities

Additional regulations may apply to specific Town Facilities due to their characteristics, such as location and distance to specific uses, size of facility or other.

#### A. Oyster Factory Park

(1) Number of anticipated attendees cannot exceed 800 people.

(2) Number of events cannot exceed 2 per week.

# **Proposed Amendments**



## Chapter 22 – Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public and Private Property, Article IV. Special Events Ordinance

Sec. 22-122. Violations; penalties.

(f) Violations may result in the denial of future requests for special event permits.

# Next Steps



Ordinance Amendments	Date	Complete
Step 1. Town Council – Workshop	January 28, 2025	✓
Step 2. Town Council – 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	March 11, 2025	
Step 3. Town Council – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading	April 8, 2025	



# ***QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION***