



CITY & BOROUGH OF JUNEAU

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL

Policy No. 700-002	Title: Amplified Sound
Date Reviewed by PRAC: Date Approved by Director: Director Signature:	Last Reviewed:
CBJ Code / Regulation: CBJ 42.20.095 (Disturbing the Peace)	Other Reference:
<p>PURPOSE: To establish policies and procedures for the use of sound amplifying equipment in municipal parks and outdoor facilities.</p> <p>POLICY: It is the policy of the Parks & Recreation Department to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Recognize that parks are traditional public forums where speakers enjoy the strongest First Amendment protections; and2. Protect the health, welfare, and safety of the City & Borough of Juneau's residents by issuing permits for amplified sound that include narrowly tailored conditions regarding the time, place, and manner of amplified sound; and3. Not censor, control, or restrain the content of any speech. <p>SCOPE: This policy applies to all municipal parks and other outdoor facilities managed by the Parks & Recreation Department.</p> <p>PROCEDURE: The City & Borough of Juneau has a substantial governmental interest in protecting its residents from unwelcome and excessive noise, as well as ensuring the sufficiency of sound amplification at events in order to allow citizens to enjoy the benefits of parks and other facilities. Amplified Sound Permits are approved by the Director of Parks & Recreation on a case-by-case basis according to the guidelines established by this policy. Use of sound amplification equipment in municipal parks and other outdoor facilities managed by the Parks & Recreation Department without a valid permit may result in civil liability pursuant to CBJ 42.20.095.</p> <p>I. General Operating Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Sound amplification equipment" means any electronically powered, operated, or assisted device that amplifies sound. A sound amplification device includes, but is not limited to, any system of public address, bullhorns, boom box, music or voice amplifiers, speakers, megaphones, or any combination thereof.• Amplified Sound Permits will not be approved for activities in municipal parks between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m., except the use of sound amplification equipment may be authorized after 8 p.m. at the following places and times:	



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- Adair-Kennedy Memorial Park, Dimond Park, and Melvin Park between March 1 and October 31.
- Auke Lake between August 1 and August 31.
- Savikko Park between June 1 and July 5.
- Overstreet Park and Marine Park between July 3 and July 5.

II. Application

- (1) The applicant must apply for an Amplified Sound Permit on a form provided by the Department. The application must include sufficient information and detail for the Director to make a determination, including the location, date, time, and type of amplified sound (e.g. recorded music, concert, speech, etc.).
- (2) The applicant must submit any other applications, payments, and related documents required for the activity, such as Facility Use Permit Application, Shelter Reservation Request, etc.
- (3) There is no fee to apply for an Amplified Sound Permit.

III. Enforcement

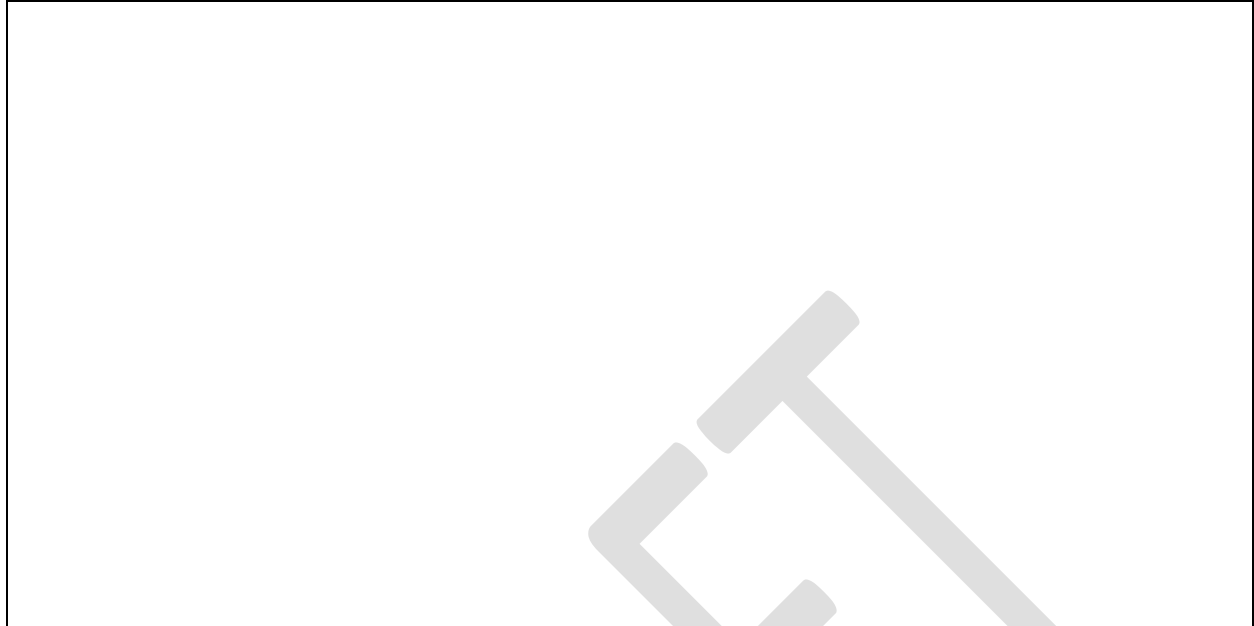
An activity conducted pursuant to a valid Amplified Sound Permit and in compliance with all conditions thereof may be exempt from the CBJ noise ordinance pursuant to CBJ 42.20.095(e).

A person who makes any unreasonable noise in a park, other than in compliance with a valid Amplified Sound Permit, may be liable pursuant to CBJ 42.20.095 (Disturbing the Peace).



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