

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	City Council
Meeting Date:	May 19, 2025
From:	Kelly O'Neill Jr.
Subject:	Noise Exception Approval: 4th of July Block Party with amplified music

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to approve or deny a noise exception to Title 8, Section 8.20.020.B.11. for amplified music at a block party for a 4th of July celebration event at 37720 Coralburst Street (between Jade Glen Avenue and Dreamcatcher Avenue). The noise exception is for a live band to play one night on the 4th of July, from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm on Coralburst Street between Jade Glen Avenue and Dreamcatcher Avenue.

APPLICABLE COUNCIL GOAL:

Not applicable

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

Staff received a block party application and other related materials on May 7, 2025, and again on May 8, 2025, requesting approval for amplified music at 37720 Coralburst Street for a 4th of July event to begin at 5:00 pm and conclude by 9:30 pm. The request from Darren Wegener for a noise exception came as part of his block party application. The Public Works Department will review the block party permit separately and verify there are enough neighbors supporting the event to close the street between Jade Glen Avenue and Dreamcatcher Avenue.

The proposed event location is zoned Single Family Residential (SFR). The property to the north, south, east, and west is also zoned SFR.

The event will have the following activities and requests:

- Live band
- Fireworks
- Food
- Street closure

The block party organizer's email detailing the event schedule, site plan, and narrative are provided as an exhibit.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

<u>Noise Exception:</u> Section 8.20.020.A. states: "No person may make, assist in making, continue or cause to be made any loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, safety or peace of others."

Section 8.20.020.B. states: "Loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this section include, but are not limited to the following:"

Section 8.20.020.B.11. goes on to state: "The use or operation of an automatic or electric piano, phonograph, gramophone, victrola, radio, television, loudspeaker or any instrument for sound producing or any sound-amplifying device so loudly as to disturb persons in the vicinity thereof or in such a manner as renders the use thereof a nuisance. However, upon application to the council, permits may be granted to responsible persons or organizations for the broadcast or amplification of programs of music, news, speeches or general entertainment as a part of a national, state or city event, public festivals, or outstanding events of a noncommercial nature. The broadcast or amplification shall not be audible for a distance of more than 1,000 feet from the instrument, speaker or amplifier and in no event shall a permit be granted where any obstruction to the free and uninterrupted traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, will result;"

There is no criterion in the Sandy Municipal Code for approving noise exceptions.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the "Noise Exception" under Chapter 8.20.020.B.11. for the applicant's 4th of July Block Party Event at 37720 Coralburst Street (between Jade Glen Avenue and Dreamcatcher Avenue). The Block Party permit for closure of the street will be reviewed separately by the Public Works Department.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

I move to approve the noise exception request for amplified music at 37720 Coralburst Street for a 4th of July block party event from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm as requested by the applicant.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

• Exhibit A. Schedule, Site Plan, and Narrative