



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type:	City Council
Meeting Date:	May 19, 2025
From:	Patrick Depa, Senior Planner
Subject:	Noise Exception Approval: Sandy Invitational Chainsaw Carving (SICC)

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to approve or deny a noise exception for the two-day Sandy Invitational Chainsaw Carving (SICC) Event.

PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:

Approve or deny a "noise exception" to Title 8, Section 8.20.020 unnecessary noise for File No. 25-026 TEMP (Sandy Invitational Chainsaw Carving Event). The noise exception is for the two-day wood carving art event being held on Saturday May 31 and Sunday June 1, 2025, from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm in the field directly behind (to the south) the Dick Hannah Dealership at 37000 Hwy 26. The field is 8.77 acres in size and is entirely vacant.

APPLICABLE COUNCIL GOAL:

Not applicable

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

Staff received a temporary land use application and other related materials on April 25, 2025, requesting approval for a two-day "chainsaw carving" event to begin at 8:00 am and conclude by 7:00 pm on the vacant lot, behind the Dick Hannah Dealership. The request for a noise exception came as part of their narrative.

The proposed event location is zoned General Commercial (C-2). The property to the north and east is zoned General Commercial (C-2). The property to the south and west is zoned Single Family Residential (SFR) and High Density Residential (R-3).

The event will have the following activities, attractions and exhibitions:

- Twenty plus active carvers creating and carving a piece for auction
- A demonstration of skills by competitive foresters from OSU
- Mechanical Demo Field: Heavy machinery for public viewing and explanation
- Oregon Mass Timber Manufacturing information of the regenerative wave/construction future

- Public participation in forestry related activities (signed waivers will be required)
- A City Transit Trolley Tree Tour of Sandy hosted by a Certified Arborist and Forester
- Auction of carver's art at the end of the event

The event organizer's application, site plan, narrative, and event schedule are provided as exhibits.

The applicant has secured a new insurance policy which is scheduled to start May 25, 2025. The Insurance and "Hold Harmless" clause for the City will be conditions in the final temporary use order and the policy will be verified by the Planning Division prior to the event.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

Noise Exception: 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)(10) goes on to state: "The discharge in the open air of the exhaust of a steam engine, internal combustion engine, motorboat or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises and the emission of annoying smoke."

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)(10) for File No. 25-026 TEMP - Sandy Invitational Chainsaw Carving (SICC) Event as this application otherwise meets the general requirements of the Development Code Section 17.74.60 (A) (Temporary Uses) and promotes a unique art event in the City of Sandy.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

"I move to approve the noise exception at 37000 Hwy 26 for the event as filed in File No. 25-026 TEMP to be held on Saturday May 31 and Sunday June 1, 2025, from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm."

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit A. Land Use Application / Site Plan
- Exhibit B. Special Event Permit Application
- Exhibit C. Narrative and event schedule