



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Sweet Home Rodeo Public Address System Application

Preferred Agenda: August 12, 2025

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Type of Action: Motion ☒ Resolution ☐ Reading ☐ Roll Call ☐

Relevant Code/Policy: SHMC 9.20.020

Towards Council Goal: Economic Strength

Attachments: Sweet Home Rodeo Public Address System Permit Application

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to request approval of a public address system permit (PA permit) application to support an outdoor venue at the Event Center Grounds during the Sweet Home Rodeo.

Background/Context:

The Sweet Home Rodeo coordinator submitted their PA Permit application along with their Special Event Permit in June 2025. Although they indicated on the application that the sound would not travel beyond 1,000 feet, City staff determined that, due to the site's proximity to residential neighborhoods, a PA Permit should still be required and reviewed for approval.

The proposal includes two PA systems in use during the day on Saturday, August 15th, playing music from an iPad, and two PA systems for a live band performance from 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM.

The Challenge/Problem:

Because the amplified sound is anticipated to travel beyond 1,000 feet, Sweet Home Municipal Code Section 9.20.020 requires City Council approval of the PA permit. The request is for August 16, 2025 between 12:00 PM and 10:00 PM.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

There is no financial impact to the City of Sweet Home, however the amplified sound may carry over to the Duck Hollow Subdivision, the homes along 42nd Avenue and the homes along 38th Avenue.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

Consideration of permit approval that balances the needs of the event and the needs of the surrounding neighborhood.

Options:

1. Move to approve the permit as requested: This will allow the Sweet Home Rodeo to provide music and announcements during their event.
2. Move to deny the permit: Denial will not allow for the amplification of music at the outdoor event beyond 1,000 feet.
3. Move to approve the permit with amendments: The City Council may choose to modify the dates and/or times of the permit.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option #1: Move to approve the permit as requested.