



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Downtown Lounge Public Address System Application

Preferred Agenda: July 8, 2025

Submitted By: Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief

Reviewed By: Blair Larsen, City Attorney

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

Relevant Code/Policy: SHMC 9.20.020

Towards Council Goal: Economic Strength

Attachments: Downtown Restaurant & Lounge 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 Downtown Restaurant and Lounge during the Oregon Jamboree weekend.

Background/Context:

The owner of the Downtown Restaurant and Lounge submitted their PA permit application in June 2025 to expand their services for this year's Jamboree weekend. The expanded services will include a fenced outdoor venue on the existing business property (1234 Main Street) that will have alcohol sales, seating, and amplified music in the form of DJ equipment. This business has applied for this permit for the past several years and received City Council approval. Their application for 2025 indicates no changes from previous years.

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 July 31st and August 1st through August 3rd between 5:00 PM and 1:30 AM.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

After reviewing Sweet Home Police Department records, no sounds complaints were received for the prior year. SHPD is supportive of the permit request. There is no financial impact to the City of Sweet Home, but approval may provide economic benefit for the business and surrounding businesses.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

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

Options:

1. Move to approve the permit as requested: This will allow the Downtown Restaurant and Lounge to continue their annual event in accordance with the dates and times listed on the application.
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.