



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

PREFERRED AGENDA: September 14, 2021	TITLE: The Woods Roadhouse Public Address System Application	TYPE OF ACTION: — RESOLUTION — MOTION — OTHER
SUBMITTED BY: J. Lynn, Chief of Police	ATTACHMENTS: Application-Public Address System and TUAL Application	
REVIEWED BY: R. Towry, City Manager		
RELEVANT CODE/POLICY: SHMC 9.20.020	TOWARD COUNCIL GOAL: Economic Strength	

PURPOSE OF THIS RCA:

The Woods Roadhouse is offering an outdoor venue that has been featuring live music during most Friday and Saturday nights. As part of the outdoor venue, a Public Address (PA) Permit has been requested.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

During the middle of August, Theresa Brown, the owner of The Woods Roadhouse, applied for a Public Address System to accompany their outdoor venue that they offer.

In past years, The Woods Roadhouse has been granted a similar permit to offer live music in their outdoor venue on weekend nights. Due to the pandemic, live music has not been offered until recently.

On August 20th, 2021, at approximately 10:51 p.m., the Sweet Home Police Department had received a complaint over loud music that was coming from The Woods Roadhouse, 6099 Main Street, Sweet Home, Linn County, Oregon. An officer responded and learned that there was a live band playing and talked with Mrs. Brown at that time.

Later, I received a call and talked to Mrs. Brown who believed that the previous PA Permit that she had obtained would still be in effect. After talking with Mrs. Brown, I believed that the best course of action would be to return to the City Council with an updated request.

The application for the PA permit indicates that the music amplification will include live music with speakers "pointed towards the lake". The form indicates that Mrs. Brown is unsure whether the broadcasted sound will travel beyond 1000 feet. I believe that the music could travel beyond 1000' which according to SHMC 9.20.020 will need to be approved by the City Council.

Historically, several members of the neighborhood southeast of the business property have expressed concerns over the noise level of the event.

THE CHALLENGE/PROBLEM:

The challenge of the request for the PA Permit is associated with blending the interests of the business with those of the surrounding neighborhood.

The business is requesting the PA Permit for music events that will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings. The live music amplification is requested on those days until 1:00 a.m. The intent of their request is to further promote their business and the event.

STAKEHOLDERS:

- City of Sweet Home Citizens – Citizens that live within proximity to the event may have their level of livability affected by the sound amplification coming from the event. Other citizens and community members may benefit from the entertainment offered by the event.
- The Woods Roadhouse – By allowing the requested times on the PA Permit, the event and business will be enhanced.
- City of Sweet Home Police Staff – The on-duty Supervisor needs a defined time to for the allowed amplification of music to ensure that it is complied with.
- City of Sweet Home City Council –SHMC 9.20.020 dictates that the Council may suspend the 1000-foot limitation and grant a sound amplifying permit.

ISSUES & FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

The city and the Police Department will not be impacted by event. Any issues and potential financial impacts will be associated with The Woods Roadhouse and the surrounding neighborhoods.

ELEMENTS OF A STABLE SOLUTION:

The Sweet Home City Council should determine a fair and equitable solution associated with the PA Permit times. The needs of the business and the needs of the surrounding neighborhood have to be considered.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the requested PA Permit. This would allow for The Woods Roadhouse to play amplified music in the outdoor venue on Friday and Saturday nights until 1:00 a.m. The intent of the permit is to run through the end of the year.
2. Deny the request. This would not allow for the amplification of music at the outdoor event.
3. Amend the requested PA Permit. The City Council can choose to amend the request by adjusting the times permitted on one or all days. Examples could include allowing the amplification of music until 12:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends option #1 which would allow for The Woods Roadhouse to play amplified music in the outdoor venue until 1:00 a.m.