

B. Amplified Sound & Loudspeakers

Plan to have music, speakers, or other noise sources at your special event?

Events requesting amplified sound or a loudspeaker must provide all details as part of the Special Event Permit Application, including the times and duration of these activities as part of your overall event schedule.

Amplified Sound is a performance emanating from band concerts, block parties, or other performances or similar activities publicly or privately sponsored and presented in any public space outdoors.

Loudspeaker is any person conducting, pursuing, carrying on, or operating the calling, trade, or occupation of advertising or announcing by means of a loudspeaker or radio from a vehicle or stationary location on private property for the purpose of calling attention to persons.

Amplified sound and loudspeaker use must comply with City of Salina code ([Sec. 3-5 – Loudspeakers and sound trucks-License required](#), [Sec. 3-6 – Loudspeakers and sound trucks-Prohibited hours](#), and [Sec. 25-132\(d\) – Disturbing the peace](#)). Amplified sound must be monitored and kept under 85 decibels when metered at the perimeter of event boundaries. This includes sound checks. Amplified sound is prohibited before 8:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m. Event organizers must be responsive to any noise complaints. The use of amplified sound or loudspeakers outside these hours must receive special approval from the City Manager. Please ensure that your Special Event Permit Application includes details regarding the requested use of amplified sound outside standard allowable hours. This request is not guaranteed and, if granted, must be included in the Courtesy Community Notification process. See Section I of the Guidelines for additional information on the Courtesy Community Notification requirements.

NOTE: The City of Salina reserves the right to shut down your event at any time for improper, inappropriate, or otherwise unapproved use of amplified sound or loudspeakers.

Please contact the Department of Community & Development Services at (785) 309-5715 if you have any questions about using amplified sound or loudspeakers at your event.