



LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT
940 River Islands Parkway, Lathrop, CA 95330
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Stephen Sealy
CHIEF OF POLICE

Sound Amplification Permit Application General Instructions

Dear Community Member,

The City of Lathrop and the Lathrop Police Department encourage its community members to enjoy entertaining, however we also request that all persons acknowledge the rights of their neighbors to have peace, quiet and comfort.

If your event includes a "DJ" or live music, please submit the attached completed Sound Amplification Permit Application to Lathrop Police Department for review. Applications with missing information will not be considered. We recommend this application be submitted thirty (30) days prior to the function.

Please note, although you may have an approved permit for the Special Noise Source, the Lathrop Police Department are still required to respond to any complaints they may receive about excessive noise. In the spirit of community, prior to your event, we strongly suggest making contact with your immediate neighbors to inform them of your social gathering.

Please read below Lathrop Municipal Code Sections **8.20.050, 8.20.180 & 12.20.010-Y**, which provide information on the regulations for use of sound amplification equipment within the City of Lathrop.

8.20.050 Radios, television sets, and similar devices.

- A. Use Restricted. It shall be unlawful for any person within any residential zone of the city to use or operate any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, television set, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound (between the hours of ten p.m. of one day and seven a.m. of the following day, or eleven p.m. and nine a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and legal holidays) in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of neighboring residents or any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area.
- B. Prima Facie Violation. Any noise level exceeding the ambient base level at the property line of any property (or, if a condominium or apartment house, within any adjoining apartment) by more than five decibels shall be deemed to be prima facie evidence of a violation of the provisions of this section. (Prior code § 99.20).

8.20.180 Regulations.

Commercial and noncommercial use of sound amplifying equipment shall be subject to the following regulations:

- A. Sound permits will not be issued for picnic area reservations.
- B. The only sounds permitted shall be either music or human speech, or both.
- C. The operation of sound amplifying equipment shall only occur between the hours of nine a.m. and ten p.m.
- D. Sound level emanating from sound amplifying equipment shall not exceed fifteen (15) decibels above the ambient base noise level at a distance of fifteen (15) feet in any direction from the source of the sound without a permit.
- E. Sound amplification equipment shall not be used to broadcast threats of personal injury or threats of damage to or destruction of property.
- F. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection C above, sound amplifying equipment shall not be operated within two hundred (200) feet of places of worship, schools, hospital, or city or county buildings without a permit. (Ord. 17-379 § 1; prior code § 99.64).

12.20.010-Y Conduct in city parks - Prohibited actions.

The following activity is prohibited:

- Y. To use sound amplifying equipment at a volume that exceeds 15 decibels above the ambient base noise level at a distance of 15 feet in any direction from the source of the sound without a permit. (Ord. 91-57; Ord. 98-155; Ord. 04-232 § 1; Ord. 06-261 § 1; Ord. 08-280 § 1; Ord. 16-360 § 1; Ord. 17-379 § 1; Ord. 22-440 § 1).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (209) 647-6400 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Thank you,

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City of Lathrop Municipal Code Sections 8.20.050, 8.20.180 & 12.20.010-Y

Applicant: Organization:

Phone: Address:

Event Location:

Amplification Date: Start Time: End Time:

Purpose of Event:

Type of music: # of pieces in band:

Maximum number of people to attend event: Youth: Adult:

Have you applied for a permit for this location in the past? Yes/Date: No:

Name of person responsible for monitoring amplification equipment to ensure compliance with Lathrop Municipal Code Sections 8.20.050, 8.20.180 & 12.20.010-Y.

Name: Phone:

Address:

Applicants Signature: Date:

OFFICIAL OFFICE USE ONLY: APPROVED DENIED INCIDENT

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

1.

2.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: DATE:

Your Amplified Sound Permit does not give you permission to disturb the peace. You are ultimately responsible for complying with the Lathrop Municipal Code Sections 8.20.050, 8.20.180 & 12.20.010-Y. If complaints are received, your sound permit can be cancelled and you may be issued a citation. Please be respectful of your neighbors and keep the sound to a minimum.