NEW PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR AMPLIFIED SOUND
AND ONE TIME EVENTS

Effective Date: February 1, 2018

In July 2017, the SF Board of Supervisors and the Mayor passed legislation to amend SF Police Code Article 15.1 Section 1060 to change the permitting scheme around outdoor amplified sound and one time events. These changes are intended to improve the Entertainment Commission’s ability to approve, monitor, and provide enforcement for these uses and activities.

Changes include:

NEW TYPES OF PERMITS:

1.) The One Time Event permit has been divided into three new permits to cover different types of indoor and outdoor events:

- One Time Outdoor Entertainment Event Permit (examples: street fairs, outdoor concerts, athletic events with entertainment) What is this permit?

- One Time Outdoor Amplified Sound Permit (No Entertainment Furnished) (examples: amplified speeches, radio, television, iPod) What is this permit?

- One Time Indoor Entertainment Event Permit What is this permit?

2.) The Loudspeaker Permit is being phased out. No new Loudspeaker applications will be received after January 31, 2018.

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3.) The Sound Truck permit now has a stand-alone permit process and is no longer a part of the Loudspeaker Permit application.

**NEW AMPLIFIED SOUND REGULATIONS:**

The new legislation creates standards and specificity for the nature and extent of using outdoor amplified sound equipment. These include hours of operation and volume regulations.

**PERMIT FEE RESTRUCTURING:**

New hourly fees:

- Sound monitoring by an Entertainment Commission Sound Inspector, if required.
- For the One Time Outdoor Amplified Sound Permit (No Entertainment Furnished), the permit fee covers up to 4 hours of outdoor amplified sound. Each additional hour is subject to an hourly rate.
- Sound Truck Permit fee is now charged per 12-hour period.
- Permit fee waivers may now include both indoor and outdoor One Time Events, based on specific criteria.
- Click Here for the updated Permit and License Fee Matrix.

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