





P&R Policy – Amplified Sound Policy

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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to establish standards to assist in managing the use of sound and music in Scottsdale parks. This guideline will prevent negative impacts to facility users, adjacent landowner and the general public while still providing other patrons wishing to have amplified sound the opportunity to do so.

2.0 POLICY

- 2.1. No amplified sound is allowed without prior approval from the City and in conjunction with a facility use permit.
 - 2.1.1. When amplified sound is approved it will be noted on the facility use permit and can be approved only from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on any day.
- 2.2. Amplified sound, or playing of a band at a non-City of Scottsdale sponsored event is allowed only by a use permit issued by the City and in conjunction with a facility reservation.
 - 2.2.1. Any group wishing to use an amplified sound system in a City park must ask for that use to be permitted when making the facility reservation.
 - 2.2.2. Park staff shall designate the location and placement of any sound amplification equipment, including speakers, and shall have sole discretion to determine reasonable sound volume when that use is permitted.
- 2.3. Individual non-amplified musical instruments (such as an acoustical guitar) are allowed on a drop-in basis, provided that the location and volume level are acceptable to the Parks and Recreation staff responsible for the facility or, as applicable, city police officers.
- 2.4. Failure to comply with these guidelines, or comply with the direction of Recreation staff in regard to the guidelines may result in immediate revocation of any and all permits relating to the unacceptable use.
- 2.5. At the discretion of the City, sound amplification systems may be used by the City, or in relation to City-sponsored events. The City will make reasonable efforts to appropriately notify park patrons and residents concerning any such events.

1.0 PROCEDURES

- 1.1. Sound management for facility reservations:
 - 1.1.1. Recreation staff will approve sound equipment location and speaker location prior to use.
 - 1.1.2. Recreation staff will “test” sound level with the permittee to determine reasonable volume level for amplified sound.
 - 1.1.3. If for any reason a sound related concern arises, Recreation staff will immediately contact the responsible party of the group to communicate that a compliant has been

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received and will request that the sound level be modified, speaker locations be changed and/or other actions taken to maintain reasonable volume level.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. Sound amplification system is any device, instrument or system, whether electrical, mechanical or otherwise used for amplifying sound or for producing or reproducing sound. This includes but is not limited to any radio, stereo, musical instrument, phonograph, sound or musical recorder/player.
- 2.2. Band means two or more persons playing musical instruments for any purpose, including entertainment or practice, whether or not the sounds are amplified.
- 2.3. Reasonable volume level means the level of sound, whether or not amplified, that in the sole discretion of the Park and Recreation staff, does not interfere or adversely affect park patrons, adjacent landowners or the general public.

3.0 RELATIONSHIPS TO ADOPTED POLICIES AND ORDINANCES

- 3.1. Park Ordinance

4.0 LINKS TO SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

5.0 REVIEWED/AMENDED DATE(S) AND NOTES ON SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- 5.1. Updated from Sound Guideline English 2004