



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton granting the Denton Black Chamber of Commerce a noise exception pursuant to Section 17-20 of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances for the Denton Blues Festival, which will be held on Friday, September 18, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., at Quakertown Park; granting an exception for sound levels and a variance in the hours of operation on said dates; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The 24th Annual Denton Blues Festival is organized by the Denton Black Chamber of Commerce, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that serves to preserve the blues and further the reputation of Denton as a music entertainment destination. This event is held annually at Quakertown Park.

This free festival will include live music and performances, karaoke, children's activities, arts and crafts, and over 20 booths. Event organizers anticipate 8,000 in attendance.

The Denton Black Chamber of Commerce requests an exception to the noise ordinance with respect to sound levels exceeding seventy (70) dBA and hours of operation on Friday, September 18, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., at Quakertown Park.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

On August 20, 2019, City Council approved an exception to the noise ordinance for the Blues Festival under Ordinance 19-1851.

On August 3, 2021, City Council approved an exception to the noise ordinance for the Blues Festival under Ordinance 21-1618.

On August 16, 2022, City Council approved a three-year exception to the noise ordinance for the Blues Festival under Ordinance 22-148

On August 5, 2025, City Council approved an exception to the noise ordinance for the Blues Festival under Ordinance 25-1243

FISCAL INFORMATION

N/A

BID INFORMATION

N/A

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance

Respectfully submitted:

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