



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: August 5, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton granting Monster Truck Wars, a noise exception for Monster Truck Wars Event on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 2217 N. Carroll Boulevard; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The North Texas State Fair Association is partnering with Monster Truck Wars will host the Monster Truck Wars event at the North Texas Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena, located at 2217 N. Carroll Blvd in Denton on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The expected attendance for this year's event is 1,000 through two shows in the eight-hour time span on Saturday and 500 in one show in the two-hour time span on Sunday.

Monster Truck Wars is seeking an exception to the noise ordinance in sound levels from 70 to 75 dba, and a variance in hours of operation for amplified sound levels on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 28, 2025, at the main arena located at 2217 N. Carroll Blvd.

In 2020, The North Texas Fair Grounds worked with a different event organizer, No Limits Monster Trucks, to host a Monster Truck Show on Saturday, May 1. No noise exception was requested or granted for the event. During the event, a noise complaint was received by a council member and forwarded to staff. Parks and Recreation staff made contact with the property manager to advise them of the noise exemption policy and process and ensure all future events that anticipated amplified sound followed the proper protocols.

In 2021, Council approved a noise exemption, under Ordinance 21-1756, for a Monster Truck Show on Saturday, October 16 hosted at the North Texas Fair Grounds. For this event, the North Texas Fair Grounds worked with another different company, Checkered Flag Promotions. Staff received two Engage Denton tickets from residents citing noise complaints during the event. A review of the PD call log showed 4 loud noise complaint calls and 1 public intoxication arrest in relation to the event.

In 2023, Council approved a noise exemption, under Ordinance 23-1756, for a Monster Truck Show on Saturday, October 16 hosted at the North Texas Fair Grounds. For this event, the North Texas Fair Grounds worked with another different company, All American Entertainment. Staff received two Engage Denton tickets from residents citing noise complaints during the event. A

review of the PD call log showed 4 loud noise complaint calls and 1 public intoxication arrest in relation to the event.

OPTION

Approve or Deny

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval, but we realize that most likely the City of Denton will receive calls for noise concerns.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

N/A

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

On September 21, 2021, City Council approved an exception to the noise ordinance for the Monster Truck Wars event at the North Texas Fair and Rodeo under Ordinance #21-1756.

On May 16, 2023, City Council approved an exception to the noise ordinance for the Monster Truck Wars event at the North Texas Fair and Rodeo under Ordinance #23-824.

FISCAL INFORMATION

N/A

BID INFORMATION

N/A

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance

Respectfully submitted:

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