



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**DCM:** Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** August 19, 2025

### **SUBJECT**

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton granting the Denton Festival Foundation Inc., a three-year noise exception pursuant to Section 17-20 of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances for the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival, which will be held on October 3-5, 2025, October 2-4, 2026, and October 1-3, 2027, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Quakertown Park in Denton, Texas; granting an exception for sound levels exceeding seventy (70) decibels and a variance in the hours of operation on said date; and providing an effective date.

### **BACKGROUND**

The 42nd Annual Denton Arts and Jazz Festival is organized by the Denton Festival Foundation, Inc. a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, which serves to showcase professional and amateur musicians, artists, and performers. This festival is held annually at Quakertown Park.

In past years, this free festival included over 2,700 performers, local and statewide vendors, children's activities, art exhibits, 250 booths, and seven stages with various entertainers. Due to budgetary adjustments, the festival is considering making modifications to the events to include, but not limited to, reducing the size of the festival in scope and land mass. Staff continues to work with the festival planners.

The Denton Festival Foundation, Inc, requests an exception to the noise ordinance with respect to sound levels exceeding seventy (70) dBA and hours of operation on October 3-5, 2025, October 2-4, 2026, and October 1-3, 2027, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Quakertown Park.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval, as the event organizers have consistently demonstrated the ability to responsibly operate the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival at Quakertown Park at amplified sound levels without materially disturbing people of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW**

On April 9, 2019, City Council approved an exception to the noise ordinance for the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival under Ordinance 19-689.

On September 14, 2021, City Council approved an exception to the noise ordinance for the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival under Ordinance 21-1755.

On August 16, 2022, City Council approved a three-year exception to the noise ordinance for the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival under Ordinance 22-1492.

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance

Respectfully submitted:

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