

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON GRANTING THE DENTON JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE A THREE-YEAR NOISE EXCEPTION FOR THE DENTON JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 20-22, 2025, JUNE 19-21, 2026, AND JUNE 18-20, 2027, AT FRED MOORE PARK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, the City Council may make exceptions upon application for sound levels or hours of operation when the public interest will be served thereby; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Juneteenth Celebration Committee has made an application to the City Council for a three-year exception to the provision of Section 17-20 of the Code of Ordinances regarding sound levels and hours of operation, in connection with the Denton Juneteenth Celebration held at Fred Moore Park, with the said request being for the following dates: June 20-22, 2025, June 19-21, 2026, and June 18-20, 2027; and

WHEREAS, upon prior application and approval by the City Council of the City of Denton, the Denton Juneteenth Celebration Committee has consistently demonstrated an ability to responsibly operate the Denton Juneteenth Celebration at Fred Moore Park, at amplified sound levels restricted in Section 17-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, Texas, within the public interest, and without materially disturbing persons of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton, finds granting a noise exception for this event, subject to the restrictions contained herein, would serve the public interest; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 17-20 of the Code of Ordinances, the Denton Juneteenth Celebration Committee is hereby granted an exception to said section's amplified sound prohibition subject to the following restrictions:

1. This exception to the limitations imposed by Section 17-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, is granted only in connection with the operation of the Denton Juneteenth Celebration at Fred Moore Park for the following dates: June 20-22, 2025, June 19-21, 2026, and June 18-20, 2027
2. The Denton Juneteenth Celebration Committee agrees to take full responsibility for ensuring that the conditions of this exception are met and to take all reasonable measures necessary to avoid disturbing persons of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity of the event.
3. The Denton Juneteenth Celebration Committee agrees to cease using amplified loudspeakers on Friday at 11:30 p.m., Saturday at midnight, and Sunday at 10:00 p.m.
4. Under no circumstances shall the Denton Juneteenth Celebration Committee employ the use of amplified loudspeakers past 11:30 p.m. on Friday, midnight on Saturday, and 10:00 p.m. on Sunday.
5. Under no circumstances shall the Denton Juneteenth Celebration Committee employ the use

of amplified loudspeakers that exceeds 75 dba for an outdoor event when measured from the perimeter of the source as measured by an approved measuring instrument.

6. This Ordinance confers no personal or property rights, and may be amended, modified, suspended, or revoked in whole or in part at the will of the City Council of the City of Denton, without any advance warning, hearing, or compensation, for any reason at all, or for no reason.
7. This Ordinance shall be strictly construed as an exception granted pursuant to Section 17- 20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton. The City of Denton expressly reserves unto itself and all other persons any and all legal remedies, both civil and criminal, relating to excessive noise in connection with this annual event, and hereby disclaims any promissory, or equitable estoppel which might in any way impede the pursuit of such remedies by any person.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval and shall expire upon the completion of the Denton Juneteenth Celebration on Sunday, June 22, 2025, Sunday, June 21, 2026, and Sunday, June 20, 2027, unless sooner repealed, modified, or rescinded.

The motion to approve this Ordinance was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. This Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [\_\_\_ - \_\_\_]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Paul Meltzer, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
LAUREN THODEN, CITY SECRETARY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amanda Reinwand", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_