



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 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 September 19-21, 2025, Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 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 in sound levels from 65 to 70 dba on September 19-21, 2025, Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Quakertown Park, granting an increase in sound levels and a variance in the hours of operation on said dates for Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with sound not to exceed 70 decibels at Quakertown Park.

RECOMMENDATION

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

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

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 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

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance

Respectfully submitted:

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