



City of Denton

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Denton, Texas
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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 Festival Foundation Inc. a noise exception for the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival on Friday, September 11, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 13, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the North Texas Fairgrounds in Denton, Texas; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The 43rd 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.

For years, this free festival has featured over 2,700 performers, local and statewide vendors, children's activities, art exhibits, 250 booths, and seven stages with various entertainers at Quakertown Park. Due to budgetary adjustments, the festival has made modifications to the event this year, including, but not limited to, relocating the event to the North Texas Fairgrounds.

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 Friday, September 11, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 13, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the North Texas Fairgrounds.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

N/A

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

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.

On August 19, 2025, City Council approved a three-year exception to the noise ordinance for the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival under Ordinance 25-1340.

FISCAL INFORMATION

N/A

BID INFORMATION

N/A

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance

Respectfully submitted:
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