



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: June 17, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton granting the Denton Noon Kiwanis Club a noise exception with respect to sound levels and hours of operation for the Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Show to be held on Thursday, July 3, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the North Texas Fairgrounds; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Show is organized by the Denton Noon Kiwanis Club, a non-profit volunteer organization that serves to provide low-cost or no-cost medical, dental, and prescription assistance to disadvantaged children in the Denton area.

Parking proceeds and donations serve as a fundraiser for the Denton Noon Kiwanis Club Children's Clinic and are used to help fund other service projects throughout the year including but not limited to scholarships, 4,000 dental hygiene bags for back to school (this year), 4-H Gold Star Awards, and the longest and signature project, the Denton Kiwanis Children's Clinic. The clinic has been providing free doctor visits, prescriptions, dental work, eye exams and glasses, and mental health services continuously since 1925. These services are free to the families and provide services to children who may otherwise go untreated due to the costs of healthcare. The clinic serves an average of 300 children per year.

This year's event will be held at the North Texas Fairgrounds on Thursday, July 3, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Event organizers estimated attendance is 3,000 due to the location change. However, at the past location, the Kiwanis Drone Show event had approximately 7,200 attendees within Quakertown Park.

The Denton Noon Kiwanis Club is seeking an exception to the noise ordinance in sound levels in excess of 60 dba, and a variance in hours of operation for amplified sound levels on Thursday, July 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., at the North Texas Fairgrounds located at 2217 N. Carroll Dr.

Denton Kiwanis is planning to take door hangers door to door within the targeted neighborhood. The organization will communicate with surrounding business, churches, and other property owners in proximity to the fairgrounds. Also, the organization will keep the City of Denton informed on all the communication efforts performed by their group to promote and educate the community about the event.

It was the intention for the event to be hosted at DATCU Stadium, but due to construction on IH-35 as well as Bonnie Brae St., but it was decided to wait until 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the noise exemption as the event organizers have consistently demonstrated an ability to responsibly operate the Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Show at their previous location at amplified sound levels within the public interest and without materially disturbing persons of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

N/A

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

N/A

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance

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