

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON GRANTING ASHES SMOKE SHOP DENTON A NOISE EXCEPTION FOR THE ASHES 420 FESTIVAL ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M. AT ASHES SMOKE SHOP DENTON; 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 Ashes Smoke Shop Denton has made an application to the City Council for an exception to Section 17-20 of the Code of Ordinances regarding sound levels and hours of operation, in connection with the Ashes 420 Festival, which will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., at Ashes Smoke Shop in Denton, Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Ashes 420 Festival is musical festival celebrating cultural significance. The event will take place at Ashes Smoke Shop Park and include musical performances from local musicians; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton finds that 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, Ashes 420 Festival 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 Ashes 420 Festival event in Denton, Texas, on Monday, April 20, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
2. Ashes 420 Festival 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. Ashes 420 Festival agrees to cease using amplified loudspeakers on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 11:00 p.m.
4. Under no circumstances shall Ashes 420 Festival employ the use of amplified loudspeakers past 11:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026.
5. The Director of Parks and Recreation may approve modifications to the dates and times of

the events.

6. Under no circumstances shall Ashes 420 Festival 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.
7. 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 warning, hearing, or compensation, for any reason at all, or for no reason.
8. 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 Ashes 420 Festival on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 11:00 p.m.

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:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, 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 _____, 2026.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
INGRID REX, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amanda Ryan". The signature is stylized with a large initial 'A' and a long horizontal stroke.

BY: _____