

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS GRANTING THE DENTON ARTS & JAZZ FESTIVAL, PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, A NOISE EXCEPTION FRIDAY, APRIL 27, AND SATURDAY, APRIL 28, FROM 10 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT; AND SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018, FROM 11 A.M. TO 10 P.M. AT QUAKERTOWN PARK; GRANTING A VARIANCE IN HOURS OF OPERATION FOR AMPLIFIED SOUND LEVELS FOR AN OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, Texas, the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival ("Festival") has made application to the City Council for an exception to the provision restricting hours of operation for an outdoor music festival, in connection with the Festival held at Quakertown Park, from the limitations imposed by Section 17- 20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, Texas, granting a variance in hours of operation for amplified sound levels for an outdoor music festival Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28, from 10 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, April 29, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, upon prior application and approval by the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas, Denton Arts & Jazz Festival has consistently demonstrated an ability to responsibly operate the annual event held at Quakertown Park, on days and hours of operation 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, based upon this past history, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas 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, the Denton Arts & Jazz 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, Texas, is granted only in connection with the operation of the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival annual event at Quakertown Park.
2. The 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. The Festival agrees to cease using amplified loudspeakers at midnight on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, 2018, and on Sunday, April 29 at 10 p.m.

4. Under no circumstances shall the Festival employ the use of amplified loudspeakers past midnight on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, 2018, and on Sunday, April 29 at 10 p.m.
5. Under no circumstances shall the Festival employ the use of amplified loudspeakers that exceed 70 dba for an outdoor concert 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, Texas, 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, Texas. The City of Denton, Texas expressly reserves unto itself and all other persons any and all legal remedies, civil or 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 become effective immediately upon its passage and approval, unless sooner repealed, modified, or rescinded.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

CHRIS WATTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JENNIFER WALTERS, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
AARON LEAL, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: 