



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: August 16, 2022

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton granting the Denton Festival Foundation Inc., a three-year noise exception pursuant to Section 17-20 of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances for the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival, which will be held on October 7-9, 2022, October 6-8, 2023, and October 4-6, 2024, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Quakertown Park in Denton, Texas; granting an exception for sound levels exceeding seventy (70) decibels and a variance in the hours of operation on said date; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The 42nd 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. This festival is held annually at Quakertown Park.

This free festival includes over 2,700 performers, local and statewide vendors, children's activities, art exhibits, 250 booths, and seven stages with various entertainers. Event organizers anticipate 225,000 in attendance.

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 October 7-9, 2022, October 6-8, 2023, and October 4-6, 2024, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Quakertown Park.

RECOMMENDATION

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

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

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

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance

Respectfully submitted:

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