

CITY OF HOUSTON

NOISE AND SOUND PERMITS



If you plan to exceed the following sound levels at your venue, you need a permit:

68 decibels (db) at any time on a **non-residential** property.

— or —

65 db during daytime hours (8 a.m. to 10 p.m.) or 58 db during night time (10:01 p.m. to 7:59 a.m.) at a **residential** property.

If you determine you need a permit, please choose one of the following:

Daily Permit

Permit validates the use of sound amplification equipment at a specific location or upon a specific route on a designated day between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Extended Daily Permit

Permit validates the use of sound amplification equipment at a specific location or upon a specific route at designated times for up to five consecutive days. Permit is valid between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Annual Permit

Permit validates the use of sound amplification equipment at a specific location or upon a specific route at designated times for one year from the date of permit issuance. Permit is valid between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday— Thursday; and between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. Friday — Saturday.

**Visit www.houstoncityfees.org to find permit fees.*

Finally, choose one of these two ways to get a permit:

PLEASE NOTE

A permit allows sound up to 75 db, but never greater.

In Person:

The Houston Permitting Center
1002 Washington Avenue
Houston, TX 77002
Monday—Friday
8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Online:

1. Visit <http://houstonpermittingcenter.org/>
2. Go to "Commercial Permits" and click on "Go to the online permit portal."
3. Create a login to get your permit.
4. Click "Request New Permit" then "New License Permit."
5. Follow the prompts to complete the transaction.
6. You will receive your permit within 48 hours.