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SOUND AMPLIFICATION PERMIT INFORMATION

The City of Woodland Municipal Code Section 9.28.090 requires any person who broadcast from a radio, phonograph or similar instrument, using voice or sound amplifiers, either into a public thoroughfare from a fixed location, from a movable vehicle or in connection with any public celebration or public function on public holidays or in connection with the broadcast of events of interest to the general public to first obtain a sound permit from the police department.

A sound permit is not required for private gatherings occurring at a private residence where the amplified sound is not being broadcast onto a public thoroughfare. However, the Woodland Police Department suggests the following recommendations to citizens hosting these gatherings:

- Take the time to notify neighbors who may be impacted by the event. This upfront work can prevent unexpected problems and subsequent calls to the police department.
- Ensure your guests are aware of where they should park to avoid any parking issues that may occur.
- Contact the police department on week prior to the event with the location of the event and the estimated size of the event. Identify a responsible contact person who will be present at the event for officers to contact in case the officers need to respond to the event.
- Remember it is unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others, within the limits of the city.
- It is also unlawful for any person to have in operation or permit to be in operation any loudspeaker or sound-amplifying device or radio, television or musical instrument between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and 10:00 A.M. the following day.

If your event, as described in the City of Woodland Municipal Code Section 9.28.090, requires a sound amplification permit, please complete the form online or request a printed form at the front counter of the Woodland Police Department.

The City of Woodland Municipal Code Section 9.28.180 permits sound amplification within a city park only if a permit has been obtained through the City of Woodland Community Services Department at 530-661-2000.