

**CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Noise Permit Application**  
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<b>Name or Organization:</b>
<b>Date of Event:</b>
<b>Time of Event:</b> <b>Start Time:</b> <b>Ending Time:</b>
<b>Place of Event:</b>
<b>Number Participating:</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>

If issued, the permit and the proposed event will be conducted in accordance with laws of North Carolina and Concord City ordinances, particularly sections 30 – 204, “Noises Prohibited” and 30-206 “Noise Permit”. Section 30-204 is attached to this application. You are required to read and sign both parts of this application. According to this ordinance, the production or emission of any noises or amplified speech, music or other sounds that tend to annoy, disturb or frighten the citizens of the City is prohibited.

Any variation from the conditions of the permit and/or any violation of City Codes 30-204 will automatically cancel the permit.

Name and Title of Organizing Person

Address, Telephone Number and Email Address

“I certify that I have read all four (4) pages of this application. I have had an opportunity to ask any questions that I may have about this application and noise permits. I understand the requirements of the permit and City Code and promise to abide by them.

Signature of Organizing Person:

Date of Application

## City Code Sec. 30 - 204 Noises Prohibited

The following acts are declared to be per se violations of this article.

- (1) *Unreasonable noises:* The unreasonable making of, or knowingly and unreasonably permitting to be made, any unreasonably loud, boisterous or unusual noise, disturbance, commotion or vibration in any boarding facility, dwelling, place or building. The ordinary and usual sounds, noises, commotion or vibration incidental to the operation of these places when conducted in accordance with usual activities or the usual standards of practice and in a manner which will not unreasonably disturb the peace and comfort of adjacent residences or which will not detrimentally affect the operators of adjacent places of business are exempted from this provision.
- (2) *Vehicle horns, signaling devices, and similar devices:* The sounding of any horn, signaling device, or other similar device, on any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle on any right-of-way or in any public space of the City of Concord, for more than ten consecutive seconds. The sounding of any horn, signaling device, or other similar device, as a danger warning is exempt for this prohibition.
- (3) *Non-emergency signaling devices:* Sounding or permitting the sounding of any amplified signal from any bell, chime, siren, whistle or similar device, intended primarily for non-emergency purposes, from any place for more than ten consecutive seconds in any hourly period. The reasonable sounding of such devices by houses of religious worship, ice cream trucks, seasonal contribution solicitors, or by governments for traffic control purposes are exempt from the operation of this provision.
- (4) *Emergency signaling devices:* The intentional sounding or permitting the sounding outdoors of any emergency signaling device including fire, burglar, civil defense alarm, siren, whistle, or similar emergency signaling device, except in an emergency, or except as provided by subsections (a) and (b) below.
  - (a) Testing of an emergency signaling device shall occur between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. Any testing shall use only the minimum cycle test time. In no case shall such test time exceed five minutes. Testing of the emergency signaling system shall not occur more than once in each calendar month.
  - (b) Sounding or permitting the sounding of any exterior burglar or fire alarm or any motor vehicle burglar alarm, shall terminate within 15 minutes of activation unless an emergency exists. If a false or accidental activation of an alarm occurs more than twice in a calendar month, the owner or person responsible for the alarm shall be in violation of this article.
- (5) *Radios, televisions, boom boxes, phonographs, stereos, musical instruments and similar devices:* The use or operation of radio, television, boom box, stereo, musical instrument, or similar device that produces or reproduces sound in a manner that is plainly audible to any person other than the player(s) or operator(s) of the device, and those who are voluntarily listening to the sound, and which unreasonably disturbs the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighbors and passersby,

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or is plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from any person in a commercial, industrial area, or public space. The use or operation of a radio, television, boom box, stereo, musical instrument, or similar device that produces or reproduces sound in a manner that is plainly audible to any person other than the player(s) or operator(s) of the device, and those who are voluntarily listening to the sound, and which unreasonably disturbs the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighbors in residential or noise sensitive areas, including multi-family or single-family dwellings, or is plainly audible at a distance of 30 feet from any person in a residential or noise sensitive area, including any residence.

- (6) *Loudspeakers, amplifiers, public address systems, and similar devices:* The unreasonably loud and raucous use or operation of a loudspeaker, amplifier, public address system, or other device for producing or reproducing sound in the following areas:
  - (a) Within or adjacent to residential or noise-sensitive areas;
  - (b) Within public space(s) if the sound is plainly audible across the real property line of the public space from which the sound emanates, and is unreasonably loud and raucous.
- (7) *Yelling, shouting, and similar activities:* Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing in residential or noise sensitive areas or in public places, between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am, or at any time or place so as to unreasonably disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of reasonable persons of ordinary sensitivities.
- (8) *Animals and birds:* Unreasonably loud and raucous noise emitted by an animal or bird for which a person is responsible. A person is responsible for an animal if the person owns, controls or otherwise cares for the animal or bird. Sounds made by animals or birds in animal shelters, kennels, veterinary hospitals, pet shops or pet kennels, licensed under and in compliance with licensing and permitting provisions set forth in this Code, are exempt from this subsection.
- (9) *Loading or unloading merchandise, materials, equipment:* The creation of unreasonably loud and raucous noise in connection with the loading or unloading of any vehicle at a place of business or residence.
- (10) *Construction or repair of buildings, excavation of streets and highways:* Unreasonably loud and raucous noise emitted from the construction, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways other than between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on weekdays. In cases of emergency, construction or repair noises are exempt from this provision. In non-emergency situations, a code enforcement officer may issue a permit, upon application, if the code enforcement officer determines that the public health and safety, as affected by loud and raucous noise caused by construction or repair of buildings or excavation of streets and highways between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am will not be impaired, and if the building inspector further determines that loss or inconvenience would result to a party in interest.

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- (11) *Noise sensitive areas - Schools, courts, churches, hospitals, and similar institutions:* The creation of any unreasonably loud and raucous noise adjacent to any noise sensitive area while it is in use, which unreasonably interferes with the workings of the institution or which unreasonably disturbs the persons in these institutions, provided that conspicuous signs delineating the boundaries of the noise sensitive area are displayed in the areas surrounding the noise sensitive area.
- (12) *Blowers and similar devices:* In residential or noise sensitive areas, between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am the operation of any noise-creating device that is powered by an internal combustion engine, the operation of which causes noise due to the explosion of operating gases or fluids, and that the noise is unreasonably loud and raucous and can be heard across the property line of the property from which it emanates.
- (13) *Commercial establishments adjacent to residential property:* Unreasonably loud and raucous noise from the premises of any commercial establishment, including any outdoor area which is part of or under the control of the establishment, between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am which is plainly audible at a distance of 30 feet or less from any residential property.