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APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out application
2. Read all Stafford County Code Sections concerning the use and sound requirement guidelines. (A permit for amplified sound does not allow exemption to exceed permissible sound levels under section 16-4).
3. Sign application
4. Pay fee for the total hours of use. (Permitted weekday hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and permitted weekend hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) The fee is \$1.00 for each hour of use.
5. Violation of sound level requirements when in use may cause a revocation of the permit, or criminal charges filed against permit holder.

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LOUDSPEAKER OR SOUND AMPLIFIER PERMIT APPLICATION

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: _____

LOCATION WHERE LOUDSPEAKER/AMPLIFIER IS TO BE USED: _____

PURPOSE: _____

DATE OF USE: _____

TIMES TO BE USED FROM: _____ A.M./P.M. TO: _____ A.M./P.M.

SIGNED BY: _____

TOTAL HOURS IN USE: _____

**(A FEE OF \$1.00 FOR EACH HOUR OF USE IS REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO THE
STAFFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT.)**

Note: This permit does not give the right to exceed maximum dba sound levels

I hereby acknowledge I have received, read and understand the sound and use requirements of
loudspeaker or sound amplifiers as described in Stafford County Code Sections 16-4 and 16-7.
It is a Class 2 Misdemeanor to violate any provisions of Stafford County Code Chapter 16
relating to excessive noise levels.

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STAFFORD COUNTY NOISE ORDINANCE

Section 16-4: (a) Except as otherwise provided, any noise which emanates from any operation activity or source and which exceeds the maximum permissible sound levels established in this section below is hereby prohibited. Such levels shall be measured at the property boundary of the sound source or at any point within any other property affected by the noise. When a noise source can be identified and its noise measured in more than one zoning district classification, the limits of the most restrictive classification shall apply.

Maximum Permissible Sound Pressure Levels

Zoning District Maximum dba Classification

	Daytime	Nighttime
Residential	60	55
Commercial	65	60
Office	65	60
Industrial	79	72

Section 16-7: Use of loudspeakers or sound amplifiers.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use any loudspeaker or sound amplifier in the county, unless a permit for such use is obtained from the sheriff's office. The fee for such permit shall be one dollar (\$1.00) for each hour of use authorized thereby.

(b) The volume of a loudspeaker or amplifier shall not exceed the requirements set forth in section 16-4 of this chapter.

(c) Loudspeakers or amplifiers shall not be used within one hundred (100) yards of any hospital, school, church or courthouse.

Hours of use for sound permits

Sound permits are good between the hours of 0700 hours (7 00 a.m.) and 2200 hours (10 00 p.m.) weekdays and between the hours of 0900 hours (9 00 a.m.) and 2200 hours (10 00 p.m.) on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays observed by county government.

Section 16-2. Violations of Chapter

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor (Punishment for class 2 misdemeanors, confinement in jail for not more than six months and a fine of not more than \$1,000 either or both).

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