

CITY OF HOUSTON

NOISE AND SOUND PERMITS



Welcome to the Houston Permitting Center. Please review this information carefully before finalizing your permit application. First, choose the permit that best fits your situation:

Daily Permit

\$31.70

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

\$63.42

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

\$1,057.29

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.

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

Nonresidential property

- 68 decibels (db) at all times

Residential Property

- 65 db during daytime hours (8 a.m. to 10 p.m.)
- 58 db during night time (10:01 p.m. to 7:59 a.m.)

Two ways to get a permit...

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.

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

