

# Town of Occoquan Amplified Outdoor Sound Permit FAQs

## Why do I need a permit?

In 2021, Town Council adopted an ordinance requiring a permit for amplified sound. As such, you need a permit when you want to have amplified sound that can be heard beyond 50 feet of your property line.



## When are quiet hours?

Quiet hours, when amplified sound is prohibited, are between 10 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and between 8 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

A permit does not allow you to play amplified sound within the designated quiet hours.



## When can I use the permit?

Your permit is effective for 12 months from the date of issuance. During those 12 months, you can use amplified sound during the event dates and hours approved on your permit application.



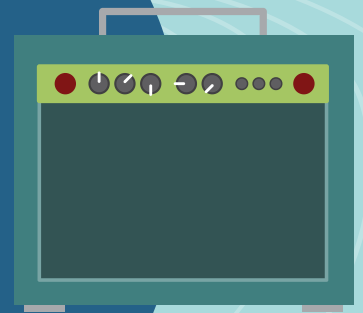


## Does indoor music need a permit?

Indoor music/bands may need a permit! If indoor music can be heard beyond 50 feet of the property line, it will need a permit.

## Does all outdoor sound need a permit?

No. Not all outdoor and/or amplified sound needs a permit. If it is contained to your property and is not plainly audible 50 feet or more beyond the real property boundary, then no permit is needed.



## How do I apply?

Complete the application on the Town website and submit it to Town Hall along with a \$100 fee. You must apply at least 48 hours before you would use the permit. If you are unsure if you need a permit, contact Town staff.



## Have more questions?

For more information visit [occoquanva.gov/amplified-outdoor-sound](http://occoquanva.gov/amplified-outdoor-sound) or read section 92.10 of the Town Code.

Failing to get a permit can be a criminal offense. Violations will result in cancellation of permits for a six-month period.