

# Stillwater

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## Public Library

### Noise Procedures for Events Venue Rental

**Stillwater Public Library**  
**224 Third Street North**  
**Stillwater, MN 55082**

**Phone: 651.430.8757**  
[www.stillwaterlibrary.org](http://www.stillwaterlibrary.org)

1. The Renter is required to put down a \$500.00 Noise Deposit at least five days prior to the event. This deposit will be returned after the event if there have been no infractions of the Library Noise Procedures.
2. The Renter is responsible for any issuance of a citation to the Library, the Renter, or their vendors for violation of the City of Stillwater Noise Ordinance during their event.
3. Bands, DJs and any other musician who provides amplified sound for the Renter will be instructed by the Library Venue Coordinator of our strict noise procedures. They will be given a copy of the City of Stillwater Code that pertains to noise and instructed about the decibel levels within compliance and penalties incurred for noncompliance.
4. Bands and DJs must honor requests from the Library Venue Coordinator, on-site Security Officer, Library Staff or Stillwater City Police for music to be turned down. The Library retains the right to end the play of music at any time if a request to turn the music down is not obeyed. The Library retains the right to determine reasonable volume, amplification and bass levels.
5. All bands and DJs must keep the volume levels within City of Stillwater Noise Ordinance compliance. All requests for reduction of music/sound from the Library Staff or Security Officer must be obeyed. Vendors of the Renter are in violation of the general prohibition of noise when complaints have been made by neighbors of the Library and enforcement of/and criminal penalties may be incurred.
6. All outdoor amplified music/sound must end no later than 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays. On Sundays through Thursdays, all outdoor amplified music/sound must end no later than 8:00 p.m. unless a special allowance has been approved by the Library Board.
7. All indoor music/sound must end no later than 11:00 p.m.
8. All vendor's vehicles must be single-parked next to the ramp in the designated area for efficient loading and unloading of event materials. Noise from carts, dollies, and hauling of equipment should be done in a quiet and respectful manner.
9. Vendor staff should also remember that the Library is located in a residential neighborhood. After 8:00 p.m., staff conversations should be kept at a soft/low level that is respectful to the neighbors living near the Library.
10. The Library is not responsible for the noise or activities of the Renter and their guests outside the Stillwater Library premises.

**CITY OF STILLWATER**  
**216 North Fourth Street**  
**Stillwater, MN 55028**

**UNDER CITY CODE:**

**Chapter 38 NUISANCES**

**Section 38 -3 Noise Control and Regulation**

Subd. 1. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subdivision, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

L10 means the sound level, expressed in decibels (dBA) which is exceeded ten percent of the time for a one-hour period.

L50 means the sound level similarly expressed and measured which is exceeded 50 percent of the time for a one-hour period.

Noise means any unwanted sound not occurring in the natural environment, including, but not limited to, sounds originating from streets and highways, industrial, commercial, and residential sources. Where a sound measurement is specified, the sound shall be measured by a sound level meter (SLM) having characteristics as specified in the latest standards, 51.4 of the American Standards Institute. Calibration of SLM shall be a least "second stage: traceable to the national bureau of standards.

Subd. 2.

General prohibition. No person shall make, cause, or allow to be made any distinctly and loudly audible noise that unreasonably disturbs, injures or endangers the safety, health, comfort, peace, or repose of a reasonable person, or precludes their enjoyment of property. This prohibition is not limited by the specific prohibitions contained in the following subdivisions. It is not a violation of this provision to operated specified equipment in keeping with the restrictions of subdivision 4 below.

Subd.3.

Prohibited noises made by sound producing or reproducing equipment. No person shall use or operate or permit the use or operation of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, paging system, machine or other device for the production or reproduction of sound in a distinctly and loudly audible manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of any person nearby. This includes operation or any such set, instrument, phonograph, machine or other device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. in such a manner as to be plainly audible at the property line of the structure or building in which it is located, in the hallway or apartment adjacent, or at a distance of 50 feet if the source is located outside a structure or building.

Subd.5.

Receiving land use standards; maximum noise levels. No person may operate or cause or permit to be operated any source of noise in such a manner as to create a noise level exceeding the limit set in Table 1 for the receiving land use category specified when measured at or within the property line of receiving land use.

Table I. Sound Level by receiving Land Use Districts.

Table Inset:

<u>Land Use</u> <u>Districts</u>	Day (8 a.m. – 10 p.m.)		Night (10 p.m. – 8 a.m.)	
	L10 Standard	L50 Standard	L10 Standard	L50 Standard
Residential	65 dBA	60 dBA	55 dBA	50 dBA
Commercial	70 dBA	65 dBA	70 dBA	65 DBA
Industrial	80 dBA	75 dBA	80 dBA	75 dBA

For noise relative to period less than L-10 Standard, the following conditions apply: No indoor sound level shall be raised more than six dbc over existing background, and no outdoor sound level shall be raised more than ten dbc over existing background noise level. The limits of the most restrictive district shall apply at the boundaries between the different land use categories. The determination of land use shall be by its zoned designation.

Subd.7.

Enforcement of section. This section shall be enforced as follows.

- (2) Civil remedies. This section may be enforced by injunction, action for abatement or other appropriate civil remedy.
- (3) Criminal penalties. Every person who violates any other provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. Each act of violation and each day a violation occurs or continues constitutes a separate offense.