

# PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE

## ARTICLE 12.

### SOUND AMPLIFICATION EQUIPMENT; SOUND TRUCK; PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

#### SEC. 9:12-7 NON-COMMERCIAL USE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM; PERMIT; EXCEPTIONS

No person shall use or cause to be used, a public address system for non-commercial Purposes in the City unless:

- a) He shall have registered the same as a sound truck under this Article; or,
- b) He shall have obtained a permit pursuant to this Article except in the event of an emergency when it is impractical or impossible to secure a permit under this Article and the use of such public address system is reasonably necessary to protect the health, safety or welfare of any person or property, and provided further that the operator of a stationary public address system for the exclusive reproduction of music for a religious or patriotic holiday shall not be obliged to secure a permit.

#### SEC. 9:12-8 PERMIT AND IDENTIFICATION FOR USE OF NON-COMMERCIAL PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM. <sup>38</sup>

The License Bureau shall issue a permit for the use of a public address system to any applicant upon the showing of the following:

- (a) The name and home address of the applicant who shall be in charge of such public address system.
- (b) A general statement of the locality where the public address system is to be used.
- (c) The day or days (not to exceed (3) days under any one permit) when the public address system is to be used. The permit shall be carried or conspicuously displayed by the permit holder while the public address system is in operation, and shown to any policeman or other official of the City upon request.

#### SEC. 9:12-9 REGULATIONS FOR USE OF NON-COMMERCIAL PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS

Non-commercial use of public address systems shall be subject to the following regulations:

- (a) The only sounds to be amplified shall be human speech and music.
- (b) Operations shall be limited to such volume, time or place as will not unreasonably disturb, annoy, injure or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others not participating in the assemblage to which such speech or music is directed. The audibility above normal speech level of such amplified sound for more than one hundred (100) feet beyond such assemblage of the disturbance of any religious assembly, library, court session, school session, or hospital, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of the regulation.
- (c) The sound so amplified shall not be unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring or a nuisance to a person within its area of audibility, and shall be undistorted to the extent that it is reasonably able to be understood by the average listener.
- (d) The human speech or music so amplified shall not be profane, lewd, indecent, or slanderous.
- (e) In the event that public address system is being used to attract the attention of the public to an event or gathering, the operation of the public address system shall be subject to the sound truck regulations concerning time and area of operation set forth in this Article.

#### SEC. 9:12-11. COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING BY SOUND TRUCKS OR PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS PROHIBITED.

No person shall operate, or cause to be operated any public address system with its sound amplification equipment in operation for commercial sound advertising purposes audible in public streets and other public places in the City. (R.O. 1957, 10:2-1, as amended July 20, 1970)

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD  
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE  
CITY HALL, 515 WATCHUNG AVENUE  
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07060  
(908) 753-3222**

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT  
LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED EVENT**

**APPLICATION  
NON-COMMERCIAL PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM  
(SEC. 9:12-7; SEC. 9:12-8 MUNICIPAL CODE)  
FEE \$10.00 (ONE TO THREE DAYS)**

LICENSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FEE PAID: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY MAKES APPLICATION FOR \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF APPLICANT IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM: \_\_\_\_\_

ON BEHALF OF: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION WHERE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM IS TO BE USED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE (OR DATES) OF OPERATION (NOT TO EXCEED 3 DAYS UNDER ANY ONE PERMIT): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ HOURS: FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

APPROVED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF OF POLICE

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DATED