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Main Plaza Community Gathering Notification

Date of Gathering: _____ Expected Attendance: _____

Contact Name and Organization: _____

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:

Phone: (primary) _____ (secondary) _____

Email address: _____

Reason for use:

Activities involved (ex. Signs, music, battery powered candles, etc):

*Attendees may display a sign by holding or carrying it by hand or otherwise attaching it to their person. Signs, ribbons, etc. are not allowed to be attached to property/trees/placed in ground. Ribbons may be allowed with approved Ribbon Permit.

Will the gathering include amplified sound (music, microphone, bull horn, etc)? Yes No

If yes, an *Outdoor Amplified Sound Permit Fee* (\$25) is required.

Time frame for amplified sound (2 hours MAX): _____

*Noise Ordinance information on reverse.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit completed form to parcs@newbraunfels.gov or drop off at 110 Golf Course Rd.

PLEASE BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU ON THE DAY OF YOUR GATHERING

Main Plaza Use Regulations

- Ribbons may only be placed on trees with an approved Ribbon/Memorial Placement Permit.
- Main Plaza will remain open to the public during the gathering.
- Any gathering requesting a road closure must request approval from the City Secretary’s Office.
- Any gathering requesting police presence or traffic control must contact the New Braunfels Police Department at 830-221-4100.
- **The following are prohibited:**
 - Decorations
 - Open flames (battery powered candles permitted)
 - Confetti, rice, birdseed, balloons, paper lanterns, candles and sparklers/fireworks
 - Glass containers or decorations
 - Alcohol
 - Items staked into the ground

Ordinance 82-9 Noise Prohibitions

- c) **Maximum permissible sound levels.** No person shall conduct, permit or allow any activity or sound source to produce a measurable sound that exceeds the applicable dB(A) level listed below when measured, subject to the exception stated for residential districts only, at the nearest public right-of-way to the offending residence or business:
- (1) Residential district.
- a. Up to 85 decibels from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- b. Up to 75 decibels at all other times.
- A police officer taking a noise measurement in a residential district may take the measurement from either the closest public right-of-way to the offending residence or with the consent of a complainant, may take the measurement from the property line of the complainant.

Ordinance 82-10 Noise prohibitions, public right-of-way and property

- a) In addition to the general noise prohibition, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to play, use, operate or permit to be played, used or operated any radio, tape recorder, cassette player, compact disc player, DVD player, MP3 player or other machine or device for reproducing sound, if the sound generated is audible at a distance of 50 feet or more from the device producing the sound and the device is located in or on any of the following:
- (1) Any public property, including any public street, highway, building, sidewalk, park, waterway or thoroughfare;
- b) The prohibitions of this section shall not apply to any athletic event, cultural event or concert authorized by the city.

- Please be considerate of other patrons near you and residents living/working next to parks. Although you may receive permission for this activity, the Police Department/Park Rangers can still issue a citation for amplified sound/live music violating the noise ordinance. You may be asked to lower the volume.
- Park Rangers will monitor decibel levels during the duration of the event. If found in violation, the permit can be revoked and the amplified sound/live music shut down.