



**BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION SERVICES**  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
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**APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY EXEMPTION  
FROM MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SOUND LEVELS (HEALTH CODE §9-209)**

Name of Applicant/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event:	Start Time:	am pm	End Time:	am pm
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Day:      M      T      W      TH      FR      SAT      SUN

Instruments, equipment, or devices that will be producing the sound:	Contact No. for individual in charge of equipment:
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Name of individual in charge of this equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Exact location of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of event:	Expected number of persons attending:
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Will activity take place in a City Park?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If yes, please ensure that you have applied for a Special Events Permit from the Department of Recreation and Parks)*

Does the activity require a street to be closed?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If yes, please ensure you have applied for a Street Event Permit from the Department of General Services)*

Reason the Exemption is Needed or Appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_

THE HOLDER OF THE EXEMPTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE HOLDER UNDERSTANDS THAT UNDER THIS EXEMPTION, THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SOUND LEVELS SPECIFIED IN HEALTH CODE § 9-206 – 9-207 MAY NOT BE EXCEEDED BY MORE THAN 25 DECIBELS AND THAT A CITATION MAY BE ISSUED OR OTHER LEGAL ACTION MAY BE PURSUED FOR VIOLATION OF THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.

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

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The Temporary Exemption is:      \_\_\_\_\_ Approved      \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Baltimore City Health Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM MAXIMUM PERMISSABLE SOUND LEVELS (HEALTH CODE )

## INSTRUCTIONS

If you are planning a private event and you believe you may exceed permissible sound levels and disturb other members of the community, you may wish to request a Temporary Exemption from the Baltimore City Health Commissioner.

*Note: If your event is a public event, please use Baltimore City Health Department Form 9-303.*

A Temporary Exemption allows you to exceed permissible noise levels by 25 decibels. To learn what the permissible sound levels are for the area in which the event will take place, refer to Baltimore City Health Code §§ 9-206-9-207.

To request the Temporary Exemption, you must provide the Commissioner of Health information concerning the event and its impact on the surrounding area and you must obtain documents evidencing community support of your event. Letters of support from adjacent residences or from the Community Association for the area are good examples of community support.

It is also important that you understand that because a Temporary Exemption does not permit sound levels in excess of the 25 decibel increase, you may be issued a citation or other legal action may be pursued against you for sound level increases above 25 decibels.

To apply for a Temporary Exemption, please complete the attached application at least 15 days prior to the scheduled activity.

*PLEASE NOTE: A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION MAY BE GRANTED  
NO MORE THAN 3 TIMES IN ANY 1 CALENDAR YEAR FOR A GIVEN LOCATION.*

Return the completed application along with your community support document(s) to:

Baltimore City Health Department  
Bureau of Environmental Health  
1001 E. Fayette Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

or fax to: (410) 396-5986.

Please contact the Baltimore City Health Department at (410) 396-4427 if you have any questions regarding this Temporary Exemption application.