Amendment Request Narrative

Proposal

We are requesting an amendment to the Special Use Permit for amplification outside during ceremonies. This will range from 15 minutes to extremely rarely an hour. This is soft music intended for when the wedding party/bride enters and leaves the ceremony area, as well as vows stated during a normal ceremony. Ceremonies account for nearly 20% of our revenue and are an integral part of our business.

Existing Conditions

Currently we are only allowed acoustic music to be played outside. For instruments such as an acoustic guitar, without amplification, it can be very difficult to hear outside of a few feet from the musician. With everyday noises to be expected in this area such as: lawn mowers, weed whackers, motorcycles, cars, large trucks, wind it can be nearly impossible to understand what is being said or for music to be heard in one of the most special moments in a person's life.

Proposed Operational Change

We have enlisted help from a local audio engineer, Seth Waltz, and have conducted numerous decibel tests and readings around the property. With the speakers located on the southwest portion of the property near the pews and directed towards the venue (see map of property for clarification), we believe we have more than adequately limited the noise generated from our property in order to create no nuisance to neighbors as well as giving our clients as enjoyable of a ceremony as possible.

Tests Administered

The engineer has gone into all of the tests administered in his report.