



Memo

Date: June 2, 2026
To: Midway City Council
From: Michael Henke
Re: Special Event Temporary Use Permit for Noise

High Valley Arts Foundation (HVAF) is requesting a special event temporary use permit. The reason for the request is because decibel levels may exceed the approved amounts in the Municipal Code. Special events may apply for the permit at the discretion of the City Council.

The Code currently allows the following in Section 5.02.010:

Table 1 Noise Limit Chart

Maximum sound pressure level in decibels as measured on the A. Scale	
6:00 AM to 10:00 PM	10:00 PM to 6:00 AM
70 dBA	55 dBA

HVAF is currently planning the on-site rehearsals and performance of “The Little Mermaid” from mid-June to mid-July. The performances run from about 7 PM and will conclude by 10:30 PM and will be held at on 10-acre property just south of the commercial buildings located on the corner of 400 E and Main Street. Planned attendance will be about 300 for each performance. For the last 14 years the City Council has approved the sound variance and the readings taken at the performance found the sound level to be just slightly more than what is allowed. No complaints were received from neighboring residents.

Staff has worked with HVAF and discussed at length the requirements of the Municipal Code which include nuisance abatement (noise) and the Special Events Code. Two potential issues have been identified in those discussions. The first is traffic (HVAF had a traffic plan that worked well for the last 12 years, and they will have that same plan this year) and the second is potential noise created from the performances. For this reason, staff and the applicant held a “sound test” and measured the noise levels on-site.

A speaker was positioned above ground by about 20’ at the site of the stage for the performance. The speaker was also positioned to the northeast on the same angle that it will be set for the performance. Music from the production was then played and measured in six separate positions with a digital sound level meter or also known as a decibel meter. The ambient sound was also measured at each location. Here is a chart of the decibel levels:

Location	Measured Music dBA	Measured Ambient dBA
Next to speaker	77-83	61-62
100’ from speaker	72-78	54-57
200’ from speaker	62-68	51-54
Property line	53-65	53-58
Home to the north	55-60	55-58
Home to the east	52-62	52-58
Allowed by Code at Property Line	6am – 10 pm 70dBA	10 pm – 6 am 55dBA

It appears that the decibel levels at the property line will not be much more than what is allowed by the code for the 10pm – 6am requirements of 55dBA.

If the City Council decides to grant the special use permit, then the approval will only be for the aforementioned months. Staff will take some measurements during a performance if required by the City Council or if we receive complaints.

Please contact Michael at 435-654-3223 ext. 105 if you have any questions.

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Application for Miscellaneous Services - (General or otherwise not listed)
Application Fee: \$100.00 + Costs
(Cost may include Legal and Engineering Review expenses, legal noticing or mailings)

Owner(s) of Record:

Name: Millstream/HighValleyArts Phone: [Redacted]
Mailing Address: [Redacted] City: Midway State: UT Zip: 84049
E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Applicant or Authorized representative:

Name: Stu Waldrip Phone: [Redacted]
Mailing Address: [Redacted] City: Midway State: UT Zip: 84049
E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Project Location:

Street Address: Outdoor theater at prox. 200 South & 400 East, Midway

Type and Purpose of Request:

Permit to occasionally exceed sound levels at property line for rehearsals & performances of this year's musical theater presentation between mid-June & late July. Done by 10:30 PM

HVAF is a 501(c)(3) charity that confers significant financial benefits from ± 10,000 patrons per year spending at businesses in Midway - so, PLEASE CONSIDER RETURNING THE \$100 = CHECK and waiving App. fee. THX!

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SEAFF:	Application Number: _____
Date Received: _____	Zone: _____
Received By: _____	Tax ID Number: _____
Fee Paid: _____	
PLANNER:	
Complete / Incomplete	
Date: _____ Reviewed by: _____	

The following information must be included with your submittal

Prior Approvals: (list any prior Midway City approval/permits issued for the subject property)

15 years running without significant complaints —
Neighbors are very supportive

Other information as requested by Planning Staff:

HVAF is a valuable community asset. We have entertained over 100,000 people — many visitors — who have and will spend and support local business and create tax revenues — The minor inconvenience is far outweighed by the unquestioned benefits to the community.

No performances Sunday or Tuesday —
Done by 10:30 PM

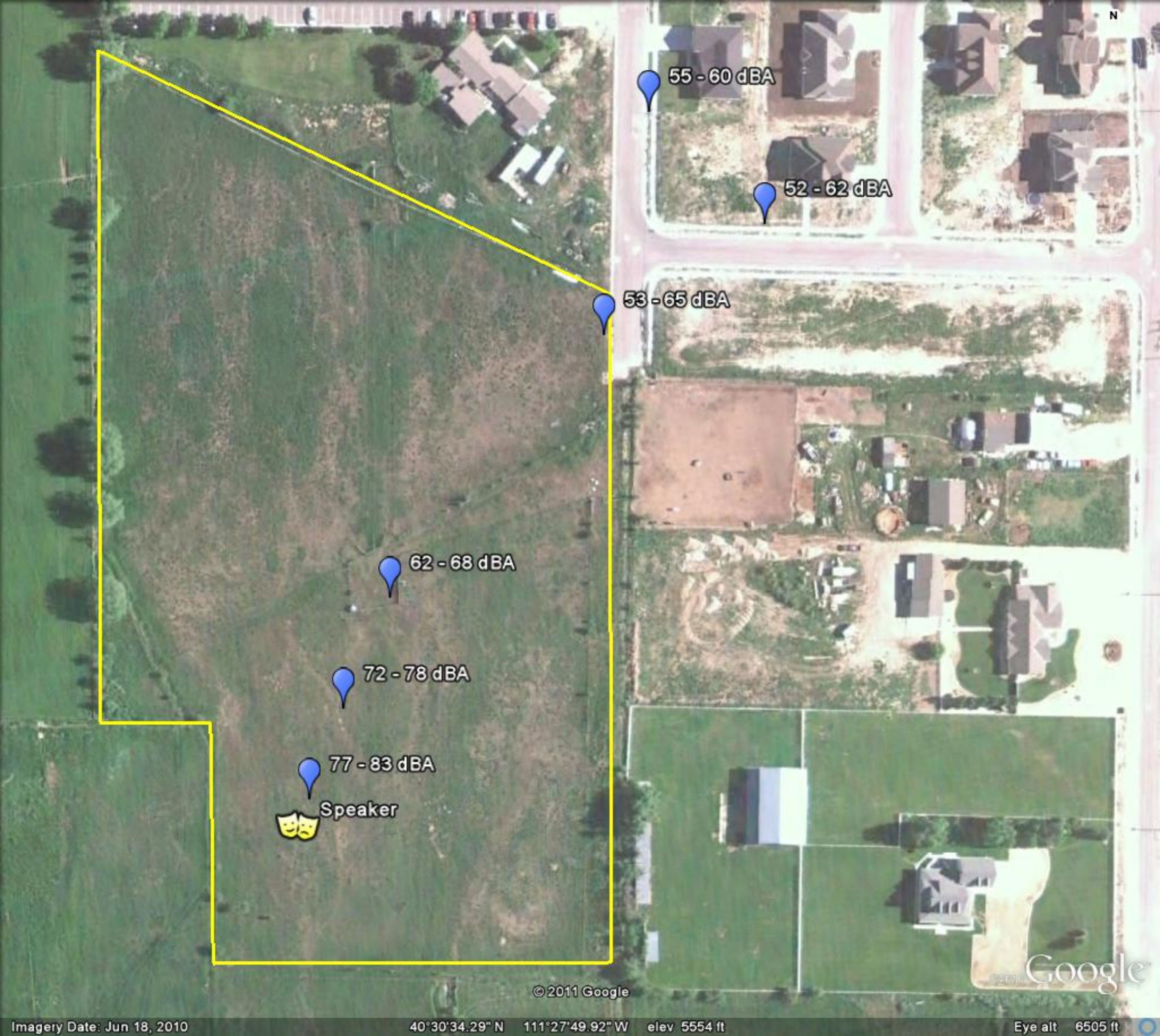
Please read and sign before application submittal

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the owner or authorized agent of the property subject to this request and the foregoing statements, answers and attached documents are true and correct. As the applicant for this proposal, I understand that my application is not deemed complete until the Planning Office has reviewed the application. I further understand I will be notified when my application has been deemed complete. At that time I expect that my application will be processed within a reasonable time, considering the work load of the Planning Office.

I fully understand that I am responsible for the payment of any back taxes and declare that I am responsible for all fees incurred.

Signature of Owner or Agent: Shane Date: 19 May 2026

IMPORTANT: Your application cannot be processed until determined complete by the Planning Staff. An application shall be considered complete when all applicable fees are paid (such as Midway Water Board, Midway Sanitation District, out-of-pocket expenses, etc.) and all items listed herewith are provided or considered not applicable by the Planning Office. All application fees are non-refundable.



55 - 60 dBA

52 - 62 dBA

53 - 65 dBA

62 - 68 dBA

72 - 78 dBA

77 - 83 dBA

Speaker