

AUTHORIZING SOUND REPRODUCTION DEVICES DURING SPECIAL EVENTS WITHIN CITY OF STAMFORD PARKS

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 175-1 of the Stamford Municipal Code of Ordinances, the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Stamford has disseminated rules and regulations for the health, welfare and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, said rules and regulations are necessary for the proper safety, maintenance, security, and efficient operation of Stamford's Parks and Recreation Facilities; and

WHEREAS, said Rules and Regulations were adopted by the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Stamford on December 20, 2017, and modified on January 16, 2018 and approved by the Board of Representatives at its regular meeting on April 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 175-1-23 (b) of the Stamford Municipal Code of Ordinances, "No person shall play or operate any sound reproduction device in any park without a permit from the Parks & Recreation Commission and Office of Operations;" and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Stamford has received interest from members of the Stamford community for the inclusion of music within permitted City-park events; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Operations has received outreach from some members of the Board of Representatives in support of permitting music within permitted City-park events; and

WHEREAS, The Parks & Recreation Commission would like to assess the impact of permitting the playing and operation of sound reproduction devices during a *pilot program*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks & Recreation Commission will consider approving the playing and operation of sound reproduction devices, as defined in Section 175-1-23 (c) of the Stamford Municipal Code of Ordinances, in a City park with a Special Event permit from the Parks & Recreation Commission and Office of Operations, as part of a *pilot program*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parks & Recreation Commission will consider authorizing the operation of sound reproduction devices during the period of the *pilot program* which shall expire December 31, 2023, and conditions of the *pilot program* will authorize operation of sound reproduction devices for no more than two-hours for any special event.