



## **Minnesota State University Moorhead Outdoor Sound Amplification Policy**

To minimize disruption of normal university operations, outdoor amplification is not generally permitted without prior approval. In situations where amplification might not interfere with normal University operations, a permit may be obtained from the Moorhead City Council, only if prior approval has been obtained from the Minnesota State University Moorhead Director of Public Safety. Any individual or organization associated with MSUM (on-campus or off-campus) can request approval for an outdoor sound amplification event. Outdoor amplification events are allowed between the hours of 12:00 pm and 9:00 pm weekdays or 12:00 pm and 11:00 pm on weekends. The utilization of amplification equipment will not exceed six hours in duration for any event. **Outdoor amplification events will not be allowed on the Campus Mall area during regular class hours and may not interfere with normal University activities.**

**Content.** Approval of the content of the event is not required. It is expected that all content will be consistent with University policy. Content must not include hateful or derogatory messages or symbols. **If elements of the message violate University policy (e.g. negatively targeting individuals or groups of people with the appearance of intending to inflict physical or psychological harm) the event will be immediately terminated by the University.** The University using the Student Code of Conduct will take formal action.

The University respects and defends the right of individuals or groups to express viewpoints and encourages those who oppose events to express their views through appropriate channels. The University community does not tolerate behavior that discriminates on the basis of race; color; national and ethnic origin; sexual orientation; age; religion; creed; disability; marital status; status with regard to public assistance; or membership or activity in state or local commission.

**Registration.** Copies of Minnesota State University Moorhead Outdoor Sound Amplification Policy and the application form can be obtained from the MSUM Public Safety Office (1616 9th Avenue South). To register the event, complete a MSUM Sound Amplification Request, City of Moorhead Application for Sound Amplification License and submit to the MSUM Director of Public Safety no less than one week before it is to be submitted to the City of Moorhead. A campus decision will be made within two business days. If the Director of Public Safety/Designee approves the request, the form can then be submitted to the Moorhead City Clerk's Office, third floor City Hall.

Violations of this policy should be reported to the MSUM Public Safety Department. Violators of this policy may be subject to referral to campus conduct and/or loss of privileges.