



Brett Stanciu, Zoning Administrator

May 3, 2024

Dear Brett,

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Highland Center for the Arts, please treat this letter as HCA's request to temporarily amend Condition #5 from HCA's conditional use permit for specific dates for summer 2024. The DRB approved HCA's conditional use permit on September 16, 2014. Condition #5 provides that "performances and events conducted on the site will not utilize amplified sound outside of the structure."

HCA would like to use amplified sound on July 6th for a concert as part of the town-wide Funky Fourth celebration. The concert would feature the local band, Radio Rangers and take place on the patio from 6PM - 8PM. A permit was granted last year for this event and HCA expects similar conditions in regards to sound bleed and decibel volume on the property and abutting properties. HCA is also requesting the use of two vocal mics for use under the tent during The Highland Celtic Games on June 15 for two fiddler/singer-songwriters during the afternoon music showcase for approx. 1.5 hours. In addition, HCA would like to host three poetry readings inside the event tent with a vocal mic on Sunday, July 7, 21, and August 4 from 3PM to 4:45PM. HCA expects there will be little to no sound bleed outside the tent from these readings and the event on June 15th. Previous programs have delighted audiences, fostered a renewed sense of community during a difficult time, and provided vital support to artists from around the region. Comments from patrons were overwhelmingly in support of the opportunity to gather safely and share artistic experiences.

A dedicated staff member will be monitoring and recording decibel levels for each event. HCA will pay particular attention to the sound levels at the edge of HCA's property.

I understand that this request will be forwarded to the Development Review Board for a hearing.

Thank you,

Keisha Luce  
Executive Director