

## Major Event Sound and Outdoor Lighting Standards

### Objective:

In order to maintain positive relationships with all neighborhoods adjacent to Towson University, the following event guidelines have been established. When communicating with neighborhood associations, it is important to discuss these items in general terms in order to maintain University flexibility with the planning and logistics for each event. Specific details should be communicated by those University individuals with specific knowledge of each event.

### Processes:

- Event and Conference Services (ECS) will provide regular updates to the Assistant to the President for External Communications of events that could be a concern to the neighbors. These events will then be communicated at neighborhood association meetings and through other communication vehicles with these groups.
- ECS will contact Environmental Health and Safety to arrange for sound level measuring to assure compliance with the below standards.
- Approvals to extend an event as detailed in the standards outlined below will be requested from:
  - Internal Events – Vice President of Student Affairs or designee
  - External Events – Vice President of Administration & Finance and Chief Fiscal Officer or designee

### Definitions:

- Weekdays - Sunday Evening through Friday afternoon
- Weekends - Friday Evening through Sunday afternoon
- dBA – A sound measurement which will be measured by EH&S or ECS Technical Services Staff

### Noise Standards:

#### Sound:

For all medium and large concerts sound will be monitored at the designated locations at the University's property line with decibel meters operated by University staff (ECS or EH&S). Readings will be taken before the start of the concert and during the event. Information taken from these readings will be relayed back to the concert sound control point for volume adjustment as appropriate. Measurements are conducted using an "A Weighted Scale (dBA)".

#### **Towson Center**

Generally, events held in the Towson Center Arena will end as defined below. Exceptions may include events that will not cause a noise concern for neighbors and University events that may exceed these guidelines (Mid-Night Madness etc). The sound measurement inside the arena must not exceed 105 dBA in the Towson Center Arena. This should provide for a 55 dBA at the property line and will be checked and maintained throughout the event.

Weekdays – Concerts and other loud events must cease making noise by 10pm and may not exceed 55 dBA at the property line and will be checked and maintained throughout the event.

Weekends\_- Concerts and other loud events must cease making noise by 11pm and may not exceed 55 dBA at the property line and will be checked and maintained throughout the event.

#### **Unitas Stadium and Burdick Field**

Concerts held at these two venues require detailed planning and involvement to insure issues with the neighbors do not develop. EH&S will conduct a sound level check prior to a concert to provide for a 55 dBA at the property line. Most concerts held at these venues will be University student events.

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### **Towson Center Arena Lighting Standard:**

- Visitor entering and exiting the Arena – LEVEL 10
- Events on the Arena main floor where the balconies are not used - MINIMUM of LEVEL 4 unless approved by the Director of EH&S or his designated representative (.2 Ft Candle (2 Lux) is required during period of the performance).

- Events in the Arena where the balconies are used – LEVEL 10 unless alternate lighting is added to the balconies to provide acceptable lighting levels.

**Outdoor Lighting Standards:**

**Burdick**

The Burdick Field Lights are to be turned off by 11pm unless approved in advance for a compelling reason and where there is sufficient time to notify the neighbors. To ensure safe egress of Burdick Field events must end by 10pm. Based on the level of break down required and anticipated egress time for guests, an event end time may be extended with prior approval. Campus Recreation Services conducts events which at times may not end until 11pm.

**Unitas Stadium**

The field lights for Minnegan Field (Unitas Stadium) will be reduced to working lights by 11pm. There will be times where this may not be possible or field light may be required for an early morning setup.