

- **City of Bel Aire**
 - **Chapter 12 – Traffic**
 - **Article 2. Local Provisions**
 - **12.2.3. Excessive Sound Amplification Systems.**
- A. No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street, highway, alley, parking lot, or driveway, whether public or private, shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from within the vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 50 or more feet from the vehicle. The motor vehicle may be stopped, standing, parked or moving on a street, highway, alley, parking lot, or driveway.
- B. Definitions. For the purpose of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:
1. sound amplification system means any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loud speaker, mp3 device, or other electronic device used for the amplification of sound.
 2. plainly audible means any sound produced by a sound amplification system from within or upon the vehicle, which clearly can be heard at a distance of 50 feet or more. Measurement standards shall be by the auditory senses, based upon direct line of sight. Words or phrases need not be discernible and bass reverberations are included.
- C. It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that the operator was not otherwise prohibited by law from operating the sound amplification system, and that any of the following apply:
1. The system was being operated to request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn of a hazardous road condition;
 2. The vehicle was an emergency or public safety vehicle;
 3. The vehicle was owned and operated by the City of Bel Aire or a gas, electric, communications or refuse company; or
 4. The vehicle was used in authorized public activities, such as parades, fireworks, sports events, musical productions and other activities which have the approval of the Governing Body of the City of Bel Aire or the department of the City of Bel Aire authorized to grant such approval.
- D. Violation of this section is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$200 or by imprisonment for six months, or both.