

ORDINANCE NO. 25-1217

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER ~~8.20-28~~ OF THE DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL CODE SPECIFICALLY AS TO SECTION ~~8.28.020~~ RELATING TO GENERAL PROHIBITIONS NOISE, ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY OF COMPONENTS OF ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it to be in the best interest of the city to amend Section 8.28.020 in order to permit special occasions, gatherings, and general parties within the community to extend until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on Fridays and Saturdays; and

WHEREAS, all other provisions of Section 8.28.020 shall remain unchanged, except that the reference to prohibited hours in subsection A(3) shall be revised to begin after 10:00 p.m. and not before 10:00 p.m. to ensure consistency with this amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Arizona, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8.28.040 of the Douglas Municipal Code is hereby amended to add subsection (I) to read as follows:

- I. Special occasions, social gatherings, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on Fridays and Saturdays that do not create Unreasonable Noise.

permit community members to host special occasions, gatherings, and parties on Fridays and Saturdays, with such activities allowed to continue until 12:00 a.m. (midnight).

SECTION 2. Section 8.28.020(A) of the Douglas Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows: This amendment reflects the community's desire to support social interaction and celebration, while still maintaining reasonable quiet hours during late night hours on other days of the week as stated in Section 8.28.020 A3.

A. The following activities listed in subsections B through G are prohibited if they at least four (4) of the following subparts are met ~~produce~~ unless subpart (3) is included, in which case only three (3) additional subparts must be included:

1. Any loud, unnecessary, or unusual noise that is excessive, disruptive, and/or annoying after 10:00 p.m.; and
2. Are continuous or intermittent for a period of at least fifteen (15) minutes after 10:00 p.m.; or and
3. Occur after 10:00 p.m. but before 6:00 a.m.; and
4. Are plainly audible beyond the property line of the property on which conducted after 10:00 p.m.; and
5. Disturbs the peace and quiet of a neighborhood or a reasonable person of normal sensibilities or special event after 10:00 p.m.

SECTION 3. Severability: if any part or clause or sentence of this Ordinance is declared by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or unconstitutional, then the remainder of this ordinance shall not be deemed affected and shall continue in full force and effect after the deletion of the illegal or unconstitutional provision.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance provision shall be effective thirty (30) days after final approval and adoption by the Mayor and Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Arizona, this 14th day of January 2026.

Jose Grijalva, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Alma Andrade, City Clerk

Denis Fitzgibbons, City Attorney

Prepared by:
Alma Andrade, City Clerk