

ORDINANCE NO. 25-1217

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.20 OF THE DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL CODE SPECIFICALLY AS TO SECTION 8.28.020 RELATING TO GENERAL PROHIBITIONS, 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 8.28.020 of the Douglas Municipal Code is hereby amended to 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. 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 are prohibited if they produce:

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
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.**

B. Radios, televisions, musical instruments and similar devices. Operating, using, playing or permitting the operation, use or playing of any radio, television, ~~phonograph, tape or CD player~~, musical instrument, sound amplifier, or similar device which produces, reproduces or amplifies sound after **10:00 p.m.**

C. Loading or unloading. Loading, unloading, opening, closing or other handling of boxes, crates, containers, building materials, garbage cans, or similar objects in such a manner to cause an unreasonable noise across a residential real property boundary or within a noise sensitive zone after **10:00 p.m.**

D. Allowing or causing any malicious or willful shouting, yelling, screaming or any other form of raucous vocalization by a person or group of people after **10:00 p.m.**

E. Vehicle or motorboat repairs and testing. Repairing, rebuilding, modifying or testing any motor vehicles, motorcycle or motorboat in such a manner as to cause an unreasonable noise across a residential property boundary or within a noise sensitive zone after **10:00 p.m.**

1 F. Explosives, Firearms and Similar Devices. The use or firing of explosives, firearms or similar devices
2 which create an impulsive sound so as to cause an unreasonable noise across a real property boundary or
3 on a public right-of-way or other public property after **10:00 p.m.**

4 G. Emergency signaling devices.

5 1. The intentional sounding or permitting the sounding outdoors of any fire, burglar, or civil defense
6 alarm, siren, whistle or similar stationary emergency signaling device, except for emergency purposes or
7 for testing. In no event shall such testing occur between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the
8 following day; or

9 2. Sounding or permitting the sounding of any exterior burglar alarm or any motor vehicle alarm unless
10 such alarm is terminated within six minutes of activation.

11 H. Tampering. The following acts or causing thereof are unlawful:

12 1. The removal or rendering inoperative by any person other than for purposes of maintenance, repair or
13 replacement of any noise control device; or

14 2. The use of a product which has had a noise control device removed or rendered inoperative, with
15 knowledge that such action has occurred.

16 **SECTION 2.** Severability: if any part or clause or sentence of this Ordinance is declared by any Court of
17 competent jurisdiction to be illegal or unconstitutional, then the remainder of this ordinance shall not be
18 deemed affected and shall continue in full force and effect after the deletion of the illegal or
19 unconstitutional provision.

20 **SECTION 3.** This Ordinance provision shall be effective thirty (30) days after final approval and
21 adoption by the Mayor and Council.

22 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Arizona, this 12th day of
23 November 2025.

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25 Jose Grijalva, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Alma Andrade, City Clerk

Denis Fitzgibbons, City Attorney

Prepared by:
Alma Andrade, City Clerk