

Palm Springs, CA Municipal Code

11.74.043 Loud, unusual noises.

The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but said enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

(a) Mufflers or Sound Dissipative Devices.

No person shall operate or cause to be operated any motor vehicle in violation of the exhaust noise levels as established by the State of California Vehicle Code Division 12, Section 27158.5 Article 2.5.

(b) Horns and Signaling Devices.

No person shall operate or cause to be operated any motor vehicle horn, siren, or amplification device in violation of the State of California Vehicle Code Division 12, Section 27001 Chapter 5 Article 1.

(c) Motorized Recreational Vehicles Operating Off Public Right-of-Way.

No person shall operate or cause to be operated any motorized recreational vehicle off a public right-of-way in such a manner that the sound levels emitted therefrom violate the provisions of this chapter.

(d) Standing Motor Vehicles.

No person shall operate or permit the operation of any motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) in excess of ten thousand pounds, or of any auxiliary equipment attached to such a vehicle, for a period longer than fifteen minutes in any hour while the vehicle is stationary, and on a public right-of-way or public space within one hundred fifty feet of a residential area or designated noise sensitive zone, between the hours of seven p.m. and seven a.m., except when movement of said vehicle is restricted by other traffic.

(e) Vehicle or Motorboat Repairs and Testing.

It shall be unlawful for any person to repair, rebuild, modify, or test any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or motorboat in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance on residential property.

(f) Loudspeakers and Other Sound Amplifying Devices/Musical Instruments.

It shall be unlawful for any person to play, use, operate or permit to be played, used or operated, any radio receiver, musical instrument, phonograph, loudspeaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of any sound upon any public street, alley, sidewalk, passageway or thoroughfare, or in or upon any public park or other public place so as to unreasonably interfere with the peace and quiet of any other person; or if such act is done upon any private property, so as to unreasonably interfere with the peace and quiet of any person outside the boundary of such private property.

(g) Hawkers and Peddlers.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell anything by outcry within any area of the city utilized for residential or commercial purposes. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the selling by outcry of merchandise, food and beverages at licensed sporting events, parades, fairs, circuses and similar licensed public entertainment events or auctions.

(h) Animals and Fowl.

No person shall keep or maintain, or permit the keeping of, upon any premises owned, occupied or controlled by such person, any animal or fowl otherwise permitted to be kept which, by any sound, cry or behavior shall cause annoyance or discomfort to a reasonable person of normal sensitiveness on any residential property. (See also Section 10.28.020, Noise disturbances by animals.)

(i) Machinery, Equipment, Fans and Air Conditioning.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any machinery, equipment, pump, fan, air conditioning apparatus or similar mechanical device in any manner so as to create any noise which would cause the noise level at the property line or party wall line of any residential property to exceed the ambient noise level by more than five decibels.

(j) Vibration.

Operating or permitting the operation of any device that creates a vibration which is above the vibration perception threshold of an individual at or beyond the property boundary of the source if on private property or one hundred fifty feet from the source if on a public space or public right-of-way, is unlawful.

(k) Gasoline Powered Leaf Blowers.

The use of gasoline powered leaf blowers, to produce a current of air and thereby push, propel or blow cuttings, refuse or debris, or otherwise shall be prohibited within the corporate limits of the City.

(Ord. 1932 § 2, 2017; Ord. 1289 § 1, 1987; Ord. 1167 § 1, 1982)

11.74.052 Violation—Infraction.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of an infraction for the first instance of any such violation. (Ord. 1409 § 1, 1992; Ord. 1167 § 1, 1982)

11.74.053 Continuing or subsequent violations—Misdemeanor.

Any person having been cited for violation of any provision of this chapter who within one year thereafter commits a second or any subsequent violation of the same provision of this chapter, including, without limitation thereby, suffering or permitting said violation to continue for a second or subsequent day, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 1409 § 1, 1992; Ord. 1167 § 1, 1982)