

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES

Chapter 9 Public Nuisances

9.08 LOUD AND UNNECESSARY NOISE PROHIBITED.

(Cr. May 1, 2012) (Am. April 2022).

- 1) General: No person shall make or cause to be made any loud, disturbing, or unnecessary sounds or noises such as may tend to annoy or disturb a person of ordinary sensibilities in or about any public street, alley, park, or any private residence.
- 2) Public Address Systems and Amplifiers: No person shall use or operate any PA System, amplifier, or device which increases the volume of voice, music, or other sounds so loud as to disturb the public peace or the quiet and peacefulness of the neighborhood.
- 3) Construction and Machinery Noise: Between the hours of 10:00 pm, and 7:00 am no person shall do construction work or operate any chain saw, lawn mower, or any other loud machinery of a similar nature, except for municipal, state, and/or county staff and/or vehicles operating at night when public welfare and convenience renders it impossible to perform such work during the day.
- 4) Penalties. Any persons violating any provisions of this ordinance, whether negligently or otherwise, shall be punished as outlined in Chapter 12.

9.09 STORAGE OF JUNK REGULATED.

(Cr. 1986).

(1) No person shall accumulate or store any junked motor vehicle, scrap iron, junked machinery, wrecked machinery, junked trailers, wrecked trailers, bottles, jugs, broken glass or scrap metal or anything pertaining to a junk yard including unlicensed wrecked or inoperative motor vehicles outside of any building or property located in the Village. Excluded from the above are wrecked or inoperable motor vehicles bearing valid, current license plates and wrecked or inoperative motor vehicles on the premises of a licensed automobile dealer.

(2) Clutter shall be determined by signed or verified complaint about materials being left lying around a house.

(3) If the police department finds any inoperable motor vehicle which does not bear a valid license plate placed or stored in the open upon public property within the Village, the department shall cause such vehicle to be removed to a junk or salvage yard and stored there for 10 days, at the end of which time the junk or salvage yard shall dispose of such vehicle, unless claimed by the owner thereof.

(4) If the department shall find any such vehicle placed or stored in the open upon private property, the department shall notify the owner of the property to remove such vehicle within 10 days. If such vehicle is not removed within such time, the department shall cause the vehicle to be removed and the cost charged to the property as a special tax.

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<#>Horns, signaling devices. The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle on any street or public place for longer than three (3) seconds in any period of one (1) minute or less, except as a danger warning; the creation of any unreasonable loud or harsh sound by means of any signaling device and the sounding of any plainly audible device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time; the use of any signaling device except one operated by hand or electricity; the use of any horn, whistle, or other device operated by engine exhaust and the use of any signaling device when traffic is for any reason held up.¶

<#>Radios, phonographs, boom box, similar devices. The using, operating, or permitting to be played, used, or operated any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, boom box, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in a loud and unnecessary manner. The operation of any set, instrument, phonograph, machine, or device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in a manner as to be plainly audible at the property line of the building, structure, or vehicle in which it is located shall be evidence of a violation of this Section.¶

<#>Loudspeakers, amplifiers for advertising. The using, operating, or permitting to be played, used, or operated of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, loudspeaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound which is cast upon the public streets for the purpose of commercial advertising or attracting attention of the public to any building or structure. Announcements over loudspeakers can only be made by the announcer in person and without the aid of any mechanical device.¶

<#>Animals, birds. The keeping of any animal or bird which causes frequent or long continued unnecessary noise ... [1]

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