



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: City Council
Meeting Date: June 8, 2026
From: Kelly O'Neill Jr., Development Services Director
Subject: PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2026-09 - Nuisances Affecting Public Peace

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Hold a public hearing and consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-09 with code amendments related to Chapter 8.20 Nuisances Affecting Public Peace in the Sandy Municipal Code.

APPLICABLE COUNCIL GOAL:

- **Goal 6.10:** Continue to improve and refine code language, policies, and practices related to code enforcement.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

At the City Council meeting on [March 2, 2026](#), the City Council instructed staff to move forward with code amendments regarding noise and solicitation. [Chapter 8.20](#) includes regulations regarding noise. This chapter also includes a section titled, 'Notices and advertisements' which is being proposed to be replaced with a new code section regarding solicitation. While modifying Chapter 8.20, staff and the city attorney's office have worked together to revise Chapter 8.20 in full (Exhibit A).

The City Council held an initial work session on [April 20, 2026](#), and a continuance of the initial work session on [May 4, 2026](#). The City Council held a second work session on [May 18, 2026](#).

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

The following is a summary of key nuisances and times during which they would not be allowed under this ordinance:

- Excavation and Construction Excess Noise (contractors):
 - Not allowed between:
 - 6:00 PM - 7:00 AM Monday through Friday
 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 AM Saturday and Sunday
- Excavation and Construction Excess Noise (property owners):
 - Not allowed between:
 - 9:00 PM - 7:00 AM all days

- Recreation on Private Property Excess Noise:
 - Not allowed between:
 - 10:00 PM - 7:00 AM all days
- All other nuisance noises that are not exempted:
 - Not allowed between:
 - 9:00 PM - 7:00 AM all days
- Solicitation
 - With a 'No Soliciting' sign:
 - Not allowed anytime
 - Without a 'No Soliciting' sign:
 - Not allowed between:
 - 8:00 PM - 9:00 AM all days

Detailed code amendments to Chapter 8.20 are summarized by section below:

Section 8.20.010. Radio and television interference

- The City Attorney modified this section to include necessary provisions.
- Added provisions around radio frequency, electromagnetic interference, and Emergency Responder Communication Enhancement Systems (ERCES) as suggested by Councilor Hokanson.

Section 8.20.020. Unnecessary noise

- Added titles to each unnecessary noise provision and updated the language where necessary.
- Added additional information (Section 8.20.020.B.7.) about what kind of work is permitted by contractors on Sundays.
- Added a provision (Section 8.20.020.B.8.) for leaf blowers and similar devices not to be used between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Added a provision (Section 8.20.020.B.10.) for recreational areas on private property to not be used between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Removed specific music instruments from Section 8.20.020.B.11.
- Modified Section 8.20.020.B.12. to make it clear that the City is regulating the speakers and their volume, not the content of their speech.
- Added a provision (Section 8.20.020.B.14.) to cover other noise not identified in any of the other provisions between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Added a list of exemptions (Section 8.20.020.C.) to a similar list that is found in other municipalities. This list also includes the 4th of July and the Sandy Mountain Festival programming. Additional modifications include:
 - Added an exemption for generators during power outages.
 - Added an exemption for music at businesses service food and beverages until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

- Modified the text to allow fireworks for July 1st through 5th and New Year's Eve/Day.
- Added the Sandy Music Fair and Feast as requested by the Deputy City Manager.
- Added an exceptions section to allow the City Manager to approve exception requests for any kind of noise.
- Added an appeals section (Section 8.20.020.E.) in the event that an applicant wants to appeal the noise exception decision by the City Manager.

Section 8.20.025. Public nuisance – Unlawful activities

- The City Attorney modified this entire section to include language that is easier to understand.
- Removed the list of offenses and instead reference the list in Section 8.22.010, that was updated by the City Council in 2025 with Ordinance No. 2025-04.

Section 8.20.030. Solicitation (formerly Notices and advertisements)

- Removed the existing code provisions.
- Added solicitation code provisions that are similar to what is found in other municipalities.
- Clarified that it is unlawful to solicit between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- The City Attorney completed some small modifications to Section 8.20.030.E. to address some of the concerns raised by the City Council.

Section 8.20.040. Illegal signs

- Staff recommend removal of this section as it essentially duplicates the sign code provisions in Chapter 15.32.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Staff and City Attorney expenses that have already been incurred.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 2026-09.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Ordinance No. 2026-09
 - Exhibit A. Chapter 8.20 Code Amendments in track changes
- Public testimony received in advance of hearing
 - Karie Snodgrass
 - Jessica Toliver