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Noise Ordinance

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Dear Mayor Walker and Sandy City Council,

I am writing to ask you to revise the proposed Noise Ordinance times. I found the different times for ending noisy activities strange and pointless. I think hearing a lawn mower after the hours of 7 pm is no more of a nuisance than hearing a neighbor's dog bark loudly, the hammering of someone working on their own home, or music blasting. Yet the music, home renovation, and dog noise would be permitted until 10 pm under the current ordinance wording but the lawn mower would not. I watched last week's council meeting and I appreciate your thought and consideration over these ordinances. However, I feel like having all noise end at the same time is better than having different times based on activity. I feel like 10 pm should be the end for all noise regardless of type. Many people work until 5 or 6 pm and by the time they get home, eat dinner, and spend some time with their families it would past the 7 pm ordinance for them to then go and mow their lawn. And with the summer heat coming also, many people would want to mow later to avoid doing yard work in the heat. People need more time to be able to do their noisy yard work. I would be fine with a 9 pm limit personally as I don't foresee my family doing yard work after 9 pm. However, since the rest of the noise time limits end at 10 pm, it would make sense to just have the 10 pm limit apply to all noises, including lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc. A consistent time limit would be fair and reduce any confusion amongst the community.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Best regards,
Jessica Toliver