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**Meeting Type:** City Council  
**Meeting Date:** April 20, 2026  
**From:** Kelly O'Neill Jr., Development Services Director  
**Subject:** Nuisances Affecting Public Peace

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## DECISION TO BE MADE:

Hold a work session to discuss proposed 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 to 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 that chapter in full (Exhibit A).

Staff would like to get feedback from the City Council at this work session to prepare for a public hearing in May.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

The code amendments to Chapter 8.20 have been summarized by section.

### Section 8.20.010. Radio and television interference

- The City Attorney modified this section to include necessary provisions.

### Section 8.20.020. Unnecessary noise

- Added titles to each unnecessary noise provision and updated the language where necessary.

- Added a provision (Section 8.20.020.B.8.) for leaf blowers and similar devices not to be used between the hours of 7:00 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.
- 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 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Modified the noise exception request process for excavation and construction (Section 8.20.020.B.7.) and for musical devices (Section 8.20.020.B.11.) to allow the City Manager to approve exception requests.
- Added an appeals section (Section 8.20.020.D.) in the event that an applicant wants to appeal the noise exception decision by the City Manager.
- 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.

#### 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 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

#### 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 that the City Council discuss the proposed code amendments and provide staff with suggested edits prior to holding a public hearing.

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:**

- Ordinance No. 2026-09
  - Exhibit A. Chapter 8.20 Code Amendments in track changes