

Chapter 8.31

PUBLIC DISTURBANCE NOISES

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8.31.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to control noise in a manner which promotes commerce; the use, value, and enjoyment of property; sleep and repose; and the quality of the environment. (Ord. 988 § 1 (part), 1994).

8.31.020 Public disturbance noises defined.

Public disturbance noises include: loud, raucous, frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds including, but not limited to, the following sounds or combinations of sounds made from: (1) construction activity at nonapproved times; (2) audio or similar equipment capable of amplifying or broadcasting sounds; (3) portable or motor vehicle audio equipment; or (4) any horn or siren attached to a motor vehicle which is operated at such a volume for nonemergency purposes that it could be clearly heard by a person of normal hearing at a distance of seventy-five feet or more from the source of the sound. (Ord. 1057 § 1, 1996; Ord. 988 § 1 (part), 1994).

8.31.030 Violation.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person:

1. To cause, make or allow to be made from audio or similar equipment under such person's control or ownership a public disturbance noise.
2. In possession of property to allow or originate from the property a public disturbance noise.
3. To cause public disturbance noise due to construction activity between the hours of eight p.m. and seven a.m.

B. The content of the sound will not be considered in determining a violation of this section. (Ord. 1489 § 1 (Exh. A), 2015; Ord. 1057 § 2, 1996; Ord. 988 § 1 (part), 1994).

8.31.035 Exceptions.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

A. Preparation for and action of regularly scheduled community events conducted on property owned by a governmental agency or public school district and conducted with the express permission of an authorized representative of the property owner.

B. The ordinary and usual ringing of trolley bells by a mass transit carrier, e.g., Link trolley bus.

C. Sounds from any activity necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.

D. Sounds that are the result of agricultural activities.

E. Public works projects and other projects within the public rights-of-way for which the city council determines that the public benefit of night-time construction outweighs the short-term impacts of such construction. (Ord. 1521 § 1, 2016; Ord. 1489 § 2 (Exh. A), 2015).

8.31.040 Violations, penalties and enforcement.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, violations of this chapter shall be enforced according to the uniform procedures set out in Chapter [2.80](#). (Ord. 1502 § 4 (Exh. C), 2015; Ord. 1489 § 3 (Exh. A), 2015; Ord. 988 § 1 (part), 1994).

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