

Village of Thornton Noise Ordinance for Live Music Venues in Residential Neighborhoods

Purpose: This ordinance aims to regulate noise levels generated by live music venues within residential neighborhoods to maintain a peaceful living environment while allowing cultural and entertainment activities to thrive.

Scope: This ordinance applies to all live music venues located within residential neighborhoods, including but not limited to bars, clubs, and performance spaces where live music is regularly performed.

Noise Limits:

1. Daytime Hours (7:00 AM - 10:00 PM):

- The maximum permissible noise level produced by live music venues during daytime hours shall not exceed 90 dB(A) as measured at the nearest residential property line.

2. Nighttime Hours (10:00 PM - 7:00 AM):

- The maximum permissible noise level produced by live music venues during nighttime hours shall not exceed 70 dB(A) as measured at the nearest residential property line.

Measurement and Enforcement:

1. Noise levels shall be measured using calibrated sound level meters compliant with applicable standards.
2. Measurements shall be taken at the property line of the nearest affected residential property.
3. Enforcement of noise limits shall be the responsibility of the Thornton Police Department.
4. Violations of noise limits may result in fines, penalties, or other enforcement actions as determined by the Thornton Police Department.

Exemptions:

1. Live music venues hosting events sanctioned by the village for special occasions or cultural festivals may be exempted from noise limits during specified hours upon obtaining a temporary permit.

2. Emergency situations where live music is performed as part of disaster relief efforts or public safety initiatives may be exempted from noise limits as determined by the enforcing authority.

Mitigation Measures:

1. Live music venues are encouraged to implement soundproofing measures to minimize noise transmission to surrounding residential properties.
2. Employing directional sound systems and strategic placement of speakers to minimize noise propagation towards residential areas is recommended.
3. Regular maintenance and calibration of sound equipment to ensure compliance with noise limits are encouraged.

Public Notification:

1. Live music venues shall display notices informing patrons about the existence of noise limits and requesting their cooperation in maintaining acceptable noise levels.
2. Notices shall include contact information for reporting noise complaints to the relevant authorities.

Complaint Resolution:

1. Residents affected by excessive noise from live music venues may file complaints with the Thornton Police Department.
2. The Thornton Police Department shall investigate complaints promptly and take appropriate action to address violations of noise limits.

Penalties:

1. Violations of noise limits may result in fines, permit revocation, or other penalties as determined by the enforcing authority.
2. Repeat violations may lead to escalated penalties, including temporary or permanent closure of the live music venue.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective [insert effective date] after approval by the relevant governing body.

Amendments: This ordinance may be amended as necessary to address changing circumstances or community needs, subject to approval by the relevant governing body.

Severability: If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Conclusion: This noise ordinance for live music venues in residential neighborhoods is enacted to promote harmonious coexistence between entertainment establishments and residential communities while preserving the quality of life for all residents.