



NOISE ORDINANCE ENHACEMENT PRESENTATION

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Where we are And Where We Want To Be

Ordinance 2014-24 Chapter 19



Who enforces the Noise Ordinance?

- Police Department
- Code Compliance

Currently, the noise ordinance needs several enhancements to eliminate ambiguity that is left to interpretation and challenge.

The proposed changes will make it easier for staff to determine violations, provide effective enforcement, explain and offer guidance.

Proposed Improvements



1. Add a definitions section
 - 20 definitions added. i.e. dBA, authorized employee, property line...
2. Eliminate ambiguity, by removing aspects left to interpretation
 - Example: Replace “plainly audible” for a specified table reading
“frequent, long or continued” for a specified measured time
3. Set an above Ambient sound reading to be able to identify a violation
 - See table on next slide
4. An in-depth description of animal, motorboats, generators, motorized vehicles, mechanical equipment and power tools
 - Example: barking dog
5. A description/separation of solid waste collection dates/times
 - Set hours of collection separating weekends from weekdays
6. An exempt noise section
 - Example: lawn mowers schedule and machine modification status

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7. Enforcement Procedures

- Verbal/written warning to be issued on first offense.
- Citation on second and further offenses.
- If after hours, police will measure noise and provide code division with report of findings. Code then will follow process

8. Penalties

- Per 9-52 fine of \$500 plus 100 daily as applicable

NOISE ORDINANCE dBA PARAMETERS



<u>By Emitting Property/Category</u> <u>Measured at least 25 feet from property line</u>	<u>Acceptable Hours</u>	<u>Maximum permissible sound Levels</u>
<u>Residential and noise-sensitive zone</u>	<u>7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.</u> <u>11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.</u>	<u>60 or 10 dba above ambient</u> <u>55 or 5 dba above ambient</u>
<u>Public facilities and institutional</u>	<u>7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.</u> <u>11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.</u>	<u>65 or 10 dba above ambient</u> <u>60 or 5 dba above ambient</u>
<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>	<u>7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.</u> <u>11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.</u>	<u>70 or 10 dba above ambient</u> <u>65 or 5 dba above ambient</u>



DISCUSSION

