

CHAPTER 48: NOISE CONTROL

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§ 48-1 UNUSUAL AND LOUD NOISE PROHIBITED.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to create or assist in creating any unreasonably loud and disturbing noise in the town. Noise of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to the public health, welfare and peace is prohibited.

(b) The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud and disturbing noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

(1) The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle, except as a danger signal, so as to create any unreasonably loud or harsh sound or the sounding of such device for an unreasonable period of time, or the use of any gong or siren upon any vehicle, other than police, fire or other emergency vehicle.

(2) The playing of any radio (except in a motor vehicle as defined in Section 316.003, Florida Statutes), phonograph, or other musical instrument in a manner or with such volume, particularly during hours between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any person in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence.

(3) The keeping of any animal or bird which, by causing frequent or long continued noise, shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity.

(4) The use of any automobile, motorcycle or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in a manner as to create loud grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.

(5) The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler or engine, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of danger.

(6) The sounding of any bell or gong (except emergency equipment) attached to any building or premises which disturbs the quiet or repose of persons in the vicinity thereof.

(7) The conducting, operating or maintaining of any garage or service station in any residential area so as to cause loud or offensive noises to be emitted therefrom between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays or on Sundays.

(8) The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, or court while the same are in session, or within 150 feet of any hospital, which unreasonably interferes with the working of those institutions, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in those streets indicating that the area is a school, court or hospital area.

(9) The creation of any excessive noise on Sundays on any street adjacent to any church, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in such streets adjacent to churches indicating that the same is a church street.

(10) The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair in the event that such alteration or repair creates noise of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to public health, welfare, and peace, of any building in a residential or business district other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., on weekdays, except in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public safety and then only with a permit from the Building Inspector, which permit may be renewed for a period of three days or less while the emergency continues.

(11) The use of any mechanical device operated by compressed air unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled and reduced.

(12) The shouting and crying of peddlers, barkers, hawkers and vendors which disturbs the quiet and peace of the neighborhood.

(13) The use of any drum, loud speaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise to any performance, show, or sale or display of merchandise.

(14) The use of any mechanical loud speakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving vehicles for advertising purposes or other purposes except where specific license is received from the Town Commission.

(15) The operation of a radio, tape player or other mechanical sound-making device or instrument from a motor vehicle, as defined in Section 316.003, Florida Statutes, on a street or highway by any person operating or occupying said motor vehicle, so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the motor vehicle or is louder than necessary for the convenient hearing by persons inside the motor vehicle in areas adjoining churches, schools, or hospitals. This provision shall not apply to circumstances as described in Section 316.3045, Florida Statutes.

§ 48-2. PENALTY.

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this chapter shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not to exceed \$200.

§§ 48-3. – 48-99 RESERVED.