

17-1-30: NOISE:

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue to cause to be made or continue any loud, unnecessary, prolonged or unusual noise which disturbs the peace of others.

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

A. The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile, street car, motorcycle or other vehicle on any street or public place of the Village, except as a danger warning; the creation by means of any such signaling device of a repetitious sound for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time. The use of any signaling device except one operated by hand or electricity; the use of any horn, whistle or other device operated by engine exhaust; and the use of any such signaling device when traffic is for any reason held up.

B. The using, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room, vehicle or chamber in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto.

C. The using of, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated, any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, loudspeaker, sound amplifier or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound which is cast upon the public streets for the purpose of commercial advertising or attracting the attention of the public to any building, structure, vehicle or person.

D. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. and seven o'clock (7:00) A.M., or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any office, or in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

E. The keeping of any animal which by causing noise shall disturb the peace.

F. The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger, or upon request of proper municipal authorities.

G. The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motorboat, or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom. (1981 Code)

H. Any gasoline powered leaf blower emanating more than sixty five (65) decibels or failing to satisfy the most stringent emission regulations in the United States, whether state or federal, including backpack mounted or wheel mounted leaf blowers or electric leaf blowers powered by a gasoline powered electricity generator, shall be prohibited between June 1 and October 1 of each year except that this restriction shall not apply to circumstances, such as a severe weather cleanup, where the Village Manager or the Manager's designee has made a prior declaration that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare that the use of gasoline powered leaf blowers be permitted for a designated time period.

Permitted equipment, which emanates no more than sixty five (65) decibels and meets EPA emission standards is required to be registered with the Village on an annual basis as follows:

1. Each piece of equipment to be registered must be demonstrated to the Village Manager or the Village Manager's designee allowing the Village to measure the decibel level emanating from the machine.
2. Owners must provide proof of purchase for each piece of equipment to be registered.
3. Owners must provide manufacturers' specifications for each piece of equipment to be registered.

During the restricted period from June 1 to October 1, each piece of registered equipment must display the approved sticker provided by the Village at the time of registration. (Ord. 2004-0-20, 5-17-04)