

Chapter 7.10 NOISE¹

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7.10.020 Public disturbance noise.

It is unlawful for any person to cause, or for any person in possession of property to allow to originate from that property, sound that is a public disturbance noise. This section shall not apply to regularly scheduled events at parks, such as public address systems for baseball games or park concerts between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. The following sounds are public disturbance noises in violation of this section:

- (1) The frequent, repetitive or continuous sounding of any horn or siren attached to a motor vehicle, except as a warning of danger or as specifically permitted or required by law.
- (2) The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds in connection with the starting, operation, repair, rebuilding or testing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, off-highway vehicle or internal combustion engine within a residential district, so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace and comfort of owners or possessors of real property.
- (3) Yelling, shouting, whistling or singing on or near the public streets, particularly between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. or at any time and place as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace and comfort of owners or possessors of real property.
- (4) The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds which emanate from any building, structure, apartment or condominium, which unreasonably disturbs or interferes with the peace and comfort of owners or possessors of real property, such as sounds from musical instruments, audio sound systems, band sessions or social gatherings.
- (5) Sound from motor vehicle audio sound systems, such as tape players, radios and compact disc players, operated at a volume so as to be audible greater than 50 feet from the vehicle itself.
- (6) Sound from portable audio equipment, such as tape players, radios, and compact disc players, operated at a volume so as to be audible greater than 50 feet from the source, and if not operated upon the property of the operator.
- (7) The squealing, screeching or other such sounds from motor vehicle tires in contact with the ground or other roadway surface because of rapid acceleration, braking or excessive speed around corners or because of such other reason; provided, that sounds which result from actions which are necessary to avoid danger shall be exempt from this section.
- (8) Sounds originating from construction sites, including but not limited to sounds from construction equipment, power tools and hammering between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends.
- (9) Sounds originating from residential property relating to temporary projects for the maintenance or repair of horns, grounds and appurtenances, including but not limited to sounds from lawnmowers, powered hand tools, snow removal equipment and composters between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends.

(Ord. No. 09-596, § 10, 1-6-09; Ord. No. 99-341, § 3, 5-4-99; Ord. No. 90-65, § 1(B), 7-3-90. Code 2001 § 10-27.)

7.10.050 Maximum environmental noise levels.

(1) *State standard adopted.* The city adopts by reference the maximum environmental noise levels established pursuant to the Noise Control Act of 1974, Chapter 70.107 RCW. See Chapter 173-60 WAC.

(2) *Watercraft noise performance standards.* The city adopts by reference the watercraft noise performance standards established pursuant to the Noise Control Act of 1974, Chapter 70.107 RCW. See Chapter 173-70 WAC.

(Ord. No. 90-43, § 2(115.95(1)), 2-27-90. Code 2001 § 22-956.)

Cross reference: This nonconformance must be immediately brought into conformance with the applicable provisions of the zoning regulations, FWRC [19.30.060](#).

7.10.060 Noise level bonds.

The city may require a bond under Chapter [19.25](#) FWRC to insure compliance with the provisions of FWRC [7.10.050](#).

(Ord. No. 90-43, § 2(115.95(2)), 2-27-90. Code 2001 § 22-957.)

¹**Cross references:** Use of loudspeaker by peddlers in parks and recreation areas restricted, FWRC [4.05.300](#); sound amplification equipment restricted in parks and recreation areas, FWRC [4.05.390](#). **State law reference:** Noise control, RCW 70.107.010 et seq.

The Federal Way Revised Code is current through Ordinance 16-820, passed May 17, 2016.

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