Sec. 62-99. - Unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise or disturbances.

(a) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, continue, or permit the continuance of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noise, which disturbs the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the limits of the city.

(1) The following acts, among others, are declared to be unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but said enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

a. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, bus, truck, or other vehicle, except as a danger signal, so as to create any loud or harsh sound plainly audible within any dwelling unit or residences, or, so as to be plainly audible within 50 feet or more from such device. This section shall not apply to emergency vehicles or those vehicles emitting a warning sound necessary for the protection of public safety.

b. The playing or operation of any device designed for sound amplification including but not limited to, any radio, television sets, musical instruments, phonograph, or loud speaker, in such a manner or with such volume to be plainly audible, either:

1. in any dwelling unit or resident which is not the source of the sound, or
2. so as to be plainly audible 50 feet or more from such device.

(2) For the purpose of this section, a plainly audible sound is any sound of which the information content is unambiguously communicated to the listener such as, but not limited to, understandable spoken speech, or comprehensible musical rhythms.

(b) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to make or excite any disturbance or contention in any tavern, store, grocery, manufacturing establishment, office or any other business place, or in any street, lane, alley, highway, public building, grounds or park, or at any election or other public meeting where citizens are peaceably and lawfully assembled.

(Code 1981, § 22-20; Ord. No. 109-K-3-A, § 1, 2-17-98)

State Law reference— Similar provisions, MCL 750.169, 752.525.