

Sec. 14-61. - Excessive noise generally.

It shall be unlawful for any person to create or assist in creating, permit, continue, or permit the continuance of any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise in the town. Noise of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual is prohibited.

(Code 1975, § 11.11)

Sec. 14-62. - Prohibited acts.

The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this article, but such 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 while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control or, if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time;
- (2) The use of any gong or siren upon any vehicle other than a police, fire or other emergency vehicle;
- (3) The use or operation of any piano, manual or automatic, phonograph, radio, loudspeaker, or any other instrument or sound-amplifying device so loudly as to disturb persons in the vicinity thereof, or in such a manner as renders the operation a public nuisance; provided, however, that, upon application to the mayor, permits may be granted to responsible organizations to produce programs in music, speeches or general entertainment;
- (4) The keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or loud continued noise disturbs the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity;
- (5) The use of any automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in such manner as to create loud or unnecessary grating, rattling or other noise;
- (6) 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 danger;
- (7) The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom;
- (8) The use of any mechanical device operated by compressed air unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled and reduced;
- (9) Reserved.
- (10) The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, or court while the institution is in session, or within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any hospital, which unreasonably interferes with the working of such institution, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in such streets indicating that the street is a school, court or hospital street;
- (11) 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 street is a church street;
- (12) The creation of loud and excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates and containers;
- (13) The sounding of any bell or gong attached to any building or premises which disturbs the quiet or repose of persons in the vicinity thereof;
- (14) The shouting and crying of peddlers, barkers, hawkers and vendors which disturbs the quiet and peace of the neighborhood;
- (15) The use of any drum, loudspeaker 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;

(16)

The use of any mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving vehicles for advertising purposes or other purposes except where specific license is received from the board;

(17)

The conducting, operating or maintaining of any garage or filling station in any residential district so as to cause loud or offensive noises to be emitted therefrom between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; and

(18)

The firing or discharging of squibs, crackers, gunpowder or other combustible substance in the streets or elsewhere for the purpose of making noise or disturbance, except by permit from the board.

(Code 1975, § 11.12; Ord. No. 2008-1-8, § 1, 1-7-2008; Ord. No. 2008-6-2, § 1, 6-2-2008)

Sec. 14-63. - Penalty.

Any violation of this article subjects the offender to a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) as provided in section 1-14.

(Ord. No. 2000-2, § 2, 8-10-2000)

Secs. 14-64—14-89. - Reserved.