

Sec. 46-70. - Loud noises.

- (a) The creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise within the limits of the city, including noise of such character, intensity or duration as to be detrimental to the life, health or safety of any reasonable individual or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare is prohibited.
- (b) The following acts, among others, are declared to be noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:
- (1) *Horns, etc.* The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, taxicab 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 unreasonable loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.
  - (2) *Playing radios, loudspeakers, etc.* The playing of any radio, juke box or similar device, phonograph or any other kind of musical instrument or loudspeaker device in such a manner or with such volume, as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, hospital or in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence or of any persons in the vicinity.
  - (3) *Shouting.* Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on the public streets at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any persons in any hospital, dwelling, hotel or any other type of residence or of any person in the vicinity.
  - (4) *Disrepaired vehicles.* The use of any automobile, truck, motorcycle, motor bicycle, bus, tractor, motor propelled vehicle of whatsoever kind, design or name or any other vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in such manner as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.
  - (5) *Mufflers, steam engines, etc.* To discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any stationary steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine automobile, truck, motorcycle, motor bicycle, bus, tractor, motor propelled vehicle of whatsoever kind, design or name or any other vehicle or motorboat engine, including outboard motors, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.
  - (6) *Disturbing schools, churches, courts, etc.* The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church or court while the same are in session or adjacent to any hospital which unreasonably interferes with the workings of sessions thereof.
- (c) Provided, that none of the terms or prohibitions of this section shall apply to or be enforced against any vehicle of the city while engaged upon necessary public business or any ambulance while being operated in cases of emergency.

(Code 2006, § 7.52.01)