

Chapter 8.32 NOISE

8.32.010 Unnecessary Noises.

A. It is unlawful for any person within any zone of the City to use or operate any radio, musical instrument, phonograph, television receiver, or other machine or device for the producing, reproducing or amplification of the human voice, music or any other sound, in such a manner, as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighbor occupants or any reasonable person residing or working in the area.

B. Any unreasonable noise level caused by such use or operation which is audible to the human ear at a distance in excess of two hundred (200) feet from the property line of a noise source, which is within any residential area or zone of the City or within five hundred (500) feet of any residential zone, shall be a violation of the provisions of this chapter. "Residential area" as used herein shall mean property zoned or used for residential purposes.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code and in addition thereto, it is unlawful for any person to willfully make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary, and unusual noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area. The standards which may be considered in determining whether a violation of the provisions of this section exists may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The level of the noise;
2. Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual;
3. Whether the origin of the noise is natural or unnatural;
4. The level and intensity of the background noise, if any;
5. The proximity of the noise to residential sleeping facilities;
6. The nature and zoning of the area within which the noise emanates;
7. The density of the inhabitation of the area within which the noise emanates;
8. The time of the day and/or night the noise occurs;
9. The duration of the noise;
10. Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant; and
11. Whether the noise is produced by a commercial or noncommercial activity. (Prior code § 3-3.2)

8.32.020 Mechanical Blowers, Mowers, and Similar Equipment.

A. Declaration of Policy. It is declared policy of the City of Bellflower to minimize unnecessary, excessive and annoying noises from mechanical blowers, mowers and similar equipment to protect the health and welfare of the citizenry.

B. Mechanical Blower and Similar Equipment Defined. Whenever used in this Code, the words "mechanical blower or similar equipment" shall refer to a device which is used, designed or operated to produce a current of air by mechanical, electrical or other means to push, propel or blow cuttings, refuse or debris.

C. Mower and Similar Equipment Defined. Whenever used in this Code, the words "mower or similar equipment" shall refer to a device which is used, designed or operated to cut or trim a lawn or other vegetation.

D. Use of Mechanical Blower or Similar Equipment. A mechanical blower and similar equipment may be used and operated within the City for its intended purpose only if the cutting, refuse or debris so swept or blown are not left in or upon any street or beyond the property boundaries of the premises on which it is being used.

E. Use of Mower or Similar Equipment. A mower and similar equipment may be used and operated within the City for its intended purpose only if the cuttings and trimmings resulting from

that use are not left in or upon any street or beyond the property boundaries of the premises on which it is being used.

F. Use Unlawful at Certain Hours. It is unlawful in any residential area to operate a mechanical blower, mower, or similar equipment between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Other mechanical equipment, including, but not limited to, any compressor, power washer or generator when used for property maintenance and not otherwise subject to this section, shall be used only during the hours of operation set forth in Section 118 of the Bellflower Building Code. (Prior code § 3-3.21; Ord. 1279 § 1, 8/25/14)