

Noise Ordinance Meeting April 30. 2019

Sources

Pressure washer, leaf blowers in the evening
Barking dogs, warnings with no follow up
Restaurants and bars with loud music well past 11:00 pm
Mission Hospital mechanical noise
Maximum noise level for power equipment (blowers, mowers, power washers)
Concerts at highland brewery, more breweries more noise
Fireworks
Heavy trucks on Graceland road, semi followed by a dump truck both prohibited on this street
Noisy neighbors
Emergency vehicles, Tourist games, Fireworks. Enforcement is weak. Tourists blow leaf blowers after the games up to 11:30
Property near restaurants
Brewery/outdoor night club weekdays open to midnight, weekends until 1 or 2 pm.
Brewery had a festival it really shook the house
Music amplification at any time of the day or night, including buskers
Citizens Times building redistribute papers with large trucks late at night
Enforcement: not enough officers and inadequate guidance
Fireworks
Late night private parties
Golf course fans

Impact that noise has

Lack of respect
Stress
Can't hear nature
Can't enjoy your outside life
Lack of control over the noise source, makes it all worse
The value of our property is related to the life we get to have
What time of the day
How loud is it
Enforcement is missing
The Tourists are above the law because they are doing so much for the community, fireworks are much more frequent.
New noise making businesses are allowed to move in to old buildings without a zoning change
Time, frequency and duration.
No real penalty, \$100 fine which takes 18 months to adjudicate is does not deter noise maker
There is indifference, especially in entertainment venues where nobody is responsible
Pet health (fireworks)
Bullied by noise source on social media

There is a noise board and it should be fixed, especially these small fines are not effective

Evening and morning rules

Some sounds at low frequencies may not surpass the noise limit, so we need to make sure it can be measured appropriately. This may be related to music with deep base. Some concern that the dbA measurement may not get this properly indicated

Categories of noise sources

1. Entertainment venues
2. Construction, new / assess noise at time of permitting
3. Neighbors/Animals
4. Outdoor maintenance / Landscaping
5. Industrial/commercial/maintenance/public services
6. Traffic, Road, Air, Communication opportunities

Other areas after the top 6 breakouts are

Exceptions

Enforcement

All other

Final comments

Excited and impatient

Make it enforceable

Keep the momentum, do not let it stall

Happy, empowered, it is a history making start

Cautiously optimistic, dis-functional city

City is committed, and transparent

These conversations are much more detailed and nuanced, this is a lot of value

Drastic growth demands what we are doing

Validated, grateful

It is a good start

Need a great time line that we stick to

If money is needed that the city supports this