

Temporary Noise Ordinance Outreach and Feedback

With the assistance of Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants Association (HDLM), Littleton Business Chamber (LBC) and Paul Bingham's community network; newsletters and neighborhood email lists that included the information and a map outlining the Main Street Historic District where this temporary ordinance applies, were sent out to these organizations beginning 4/30/2021. The information was pushed out to the community on 5/5/2021 before the launch of Weekends on Main to inform the community and have the merchants aware of the importance of adhering to the temporary noise ordinance. In addition, there were conversations with the merchants throughout the summer reminding them of the details for this ordinance. There has been no pushback from the merchants regarding times or decibel levels and they feel the temporary ordinance has been adequate for their purposes in relation to hired on-site entertainment.

Temporary Noise Ordinance for Downtown



On Tuesday, March 2, 2021, the Littleton City Council approved an amendment to the city's noise ordinance, and it will be in effect until October 31, 2021. The adjustments allow for higher noise level limits on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday between noon and 10 p.m. and apply to the Main Street Historic District.

With the continuation of Weekends On Main offering expansion of seating into Main Street and businesses providing music for patrons, the current city noise ordinance does not have specific regulations that fit these business practices of the downtown Main Street area; therefore, there is a need to create regulations specific to Main Street as it exists today. Being aware that some level of noise is part of the fabric of a vibrant community, the new temporary ordinance creates a Main Street area with specific decibel tables during specified times.

Testing started in early April and will continue through the end of October. City staff will monitor levels on a weekly schedule. Decibel readings will be taken at both the east and west end of Main Street, and at each block on both sides of the street. Any specific noise complaint will be addressed promptly by taking readings at the location of the noise and if a violation is found, adjustments will be required as necessary to comply with the code. Live music and amplified sound are not allowed outside of any business without an amplified sound permit from the City. Information regarding the new ordinance is on the city website (insert link when added).

Council will revisit this ordinance in a study session that will take place before the temporary ordinance sunsets on November 1, 2021. Next steps will be based on the results of the weekly testing and community feedback.

If you have any input or would like to be part of the research efforts this summer, contact Littleton Code Enforcement at code_enforcement@littletongov.org or 303-795-3748 or contact the Planner of the Day drt@littletongov.org, 303-795-8076