



Noise Control Ordinance

City Council - October 12, 2021

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Accomplishments and Requested Council Action

- ✓ Review current temporary noise control ordinance
- ✓ Hear findings of noise monitoring
- ✓ Evaluate proposed changes
- ✓ August 10 decided to move forward with permanent ordinance
- ✓ September 7 first reading
- October 5 second reading

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- **Temporary ordinance currently:**
 - Defines Main Street Historic District as area where the noise ordinance is different
 - Adds flexibility to sound pressure levels (decibels)
 - Adds new table for sound pressure level (decibels) for Main Street Historic District with specific decibels levels for specific days and times
 - Defines days and times for increased noise level in the District
 - Flexibility for District businesses to provide outdoor seating areas with musical entertainment to create a positive, comfortable atmosphere
 - Recommend one change from the temporary ordinance, remove Thursdays from the higher decibel levels based on complaints

Downtown Monitoring

April to July 2021

- Ambient noise readings (traffic) highest recorded decibel level was 83.4
- Readings taken at eleven (11) predetermined locations on Main Street
- Total of 129 readings with only 11 of the readings exceeding the 80-decibel limit
- Highest reading of 90.1 decibels 30 feet from band on Main Street (comparable to lawn mower noise)
- No complaints were received during time of higher decibel readings

Recommended Changes to Ordinance

- Eliminate Thursdays from higher decibel limits
 - Four complaints were filed over a two-week period against one business that played loud music after midnight on consecutive days - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
 - Issues were the late hour, after 10 p.m. and eve of a workday.

Sound Pressure (decibels) Level Limit Tables

Current table will remain in the code for all other zone districts:

Use District	Day 7:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M.	Night 7:00 P.M.—7:00 A.M.
Residential	55	50
Business	60	55
Industrial	75	75

Proposed table for Downtown District with specific days, times, and decibels levels:

USE DISTRICT	MONDAY - THURSDAY, SUNDAY		FRIDAY- SATURDAY	
BUSINESSES WITHIN DOWNTOWN DISTRICT	7:00 A.M. -7:00P.M.	7:00 P.M. -7:00 A.M.	7:00 A.M. -10:00 P.M.	10:00P.M. -7:00AM
	60	55	80	55

Staff Recommendation

Approval of Ordinance 17-2021