

NOISE ORDINANCE UPDATE

Presented to the
Health, Environment and Human Services
Committee
April 25, 2005

Purpose

- Present proposed changes to the ordinance per January 10th HEHS discussion

Revisions to Chapter 30

- Additional revisions as a result of January 10th HEHS meeting and subsequent communication – (Draft Ordinance attached)
- Revisions to 30-2 “Loud & Disturbing Noises”
 - Paragraph 7; adds “vibrations” to loud and disturbing noises from the exhaust of a motor vehicle
 - Paragraph 8; Change in allowable construction times
 - Effective in or adjacent to areas zoned residential
 - Monday through Friday: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
 - Current: 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
 - Saturday: 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
 - Current: 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
 - Holidays: 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
 - Current: 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
 - Sundays: Not allowed
 - Exceptions:
 - Urgent necessity in the interest of public safety
 - Permit required from director of public works and transportation

Results of January 10 Briefing

- Continued Revisions to Chapter 30
 - Paragraph 13; created to regulate sound equipment & car stereo in a motor vehicle if audible noise or vibration is:
 - Detectible 30 feet or more from the vehicle, or
 - Across a property line
 - Section 30-3.1 created to:
 - Regulate noise from idling of commercial vehicles
 - Vehicles with GVWR over 14,000 pounds
 - Idling prohibited within 300 feet of residential zoned
 - More than 10 consecutive minutes
 - Owner, manager or person in control is responsible
 - Defenses
 - Traffic control device, stopped in traffic, obeying an officer, vehicle being repaired inside, defrost windshield, school bus or commercial passenger vehicle not idling on a street or alley.

Emerging Issues

- Trash Pickup in the CBD
 - To be discussed in a meeting called by Ms. Lill on April 26
 - Increase in residential population
 - Bus and traffic flow during daylight hours
- Commercial lawn service
 - Concern by a citizen in District 12

Chapter 30, Next Steps

- Recommend approval by HEHS for consideration by full council.
- May 11, 2005 Council Agenda