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Noise Ordinance
RMC 9.42.015

ORDINANCE NO. 1572

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW SECTION 9.42.015 TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT WHICH CONSTITUTES PUBLIC DISTURBANCE NOISES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPROVING AN ORDINANCE SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council finds that certain conduct which unreasonably disturbs or interferes with the peace and comfort of others should be prohibited, and

WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council finds that this ordinance is in the interest of the public's health, safety and welfare, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby added to the Redmond Municipal Code a new section to read as follows:

9.42.015 Public Disturbance Noises.

- A. Unless otherwise authorized by the City, it is unlawful for any person to cause, or for any person in possession of property to allow to originate from the property, sound that is a public disturbance noise.
- B. The following sounds are public disturbance noises:
 - 1. The frequent, repetitive or continuous sounding of any horn or siren attached to a motor vehicle, except as a warning of danger or as specifically permitted or required by law.

2. Yelling, shouting, whistling or singing on or near the public streets, particularly between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. or at any time and place as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace and comfort of owners or possessors of real property.
 3. The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds which emanate from any building, structure, apartment, or condominium, which unreasonably disturbs or interferes with the peace and comfort of owners or possessors of real property, such as sounds from musical instruments, audio sound systems, band sessions, or social gatherings.
 4. Sound from motor vehicle audio sound systems, such as tape players, radios, and compact disc players, operated at a volume so as to be audible greater than fifty feet (50') from the vehicle itself.
 5. Sound from portable audio equipment, such as tape players, radios, and compact disc players, operated at a volume so as to be audible greater than fifty feet (50') from the source, and if not operated upon the property of the operator.
 6. The squealing, screeching or other such sounds from motor vehicle tires in contact with the ground or other roadway surface because of rapid acceleration, braking or excessive speed around corners or because of such other reason, provided that sounds which result from actions which are necessary to avoid danger shall be exempt from this section.
- C. This section shall not apply to regularly scheduled events at parks, such as public address systems for baseball games or park concerts between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

D. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force ninety (90) days after submittal to the Department of Ecology pursuant to RCW 70.107.060, which is more than 5 days after publication of an approved summary consisting of the title to this ordinance.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR, DOREEN MARCHIONE

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