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INTRODUCED BY: Audrey Gruger  
Lois North

PROPOSED NO.: 89-726

ORDINANCE NO. **9341**

AN ORDINANCE relating to public disturbance noises, amending noises considered a public disturbance; amending Ordinance No. 3139, Section 502 and K.C.C. 12.92.020.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 3139, Section 502 and K.C.C. 12.92.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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, or sound that would interfere with normal conversation at a distance of seventy-five feet or more from the source of the sound. The following sounds are determined to be public disturbance noises, or sounds that are in excess of the maximum permissible sound level set forth in this chapter shall be considered to be public disturbance noises:

A. 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;

B. The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds in connection with the starting, operation, repair, rebuilding or testing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, off-highway vehicle or internal-combustion engine within a rural or residential district, so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort and repose of property owners or possessors of real property;

C. The use of a sound amplifier or other device capable of producing or reproducing amplified sound upon public streets for the purpose of commercial advertising or sales or for attracting the attention of the public to any vehicle, structure, or property or the contents therein, except as permitted by law, and

1 except that vendors whose sole method of selling is from a  
2 moving vehicle shall be exempt from this subsection;

3 D. The making of any loud and raucous sound within one  
4 thousand feet of any school, hospital, sanitarium, nursing or  
5 convalescent facility;

6 E. The creation by use of a musical instrument, whistle,  
7 sound amplifier, or other device, capable of producing or  
8 reproducing sound, of loud and raucous sounds which emanate  
9 frequently, repetitively or continuously from any building,  
10 structure or property located within a rural or residential  
11 district, such as sounds originating from a band session or  
12 social gathering.

13 F. The creation of continuous loud sounds emanating from  
14 a motor vehicle which exceed the maximum permissible sound  
15 level set forth herein or which cause vibrations to be felt at  
16 a distance of seventy-five feet or more from the source of the  
17 sound.

18 G. The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous  
19 loud sounds from portable audio equipment, such as a radio,  
20 tape player, compact disc player, or any combination of them,  
21 which exceed the maximum permissible sound level set forth  
22 herein or which cause vibrations to be felt at a distance of  
23 seventy-five feet or more from the source of the sound.

24 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
25 September, 1989.

26 PASSED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1990.

27 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
28 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North  
Chair

29 ATTEST:

30 Annell G. Foster  
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32 Clerk of the Council  
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34 APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1990.

Jim Hill  
King County Executive