

ORDINANCE NO. **10192**

AN ORDINANCE relating to public nuisance and disturbance noises, establishing a standard for defining public disturbance noises, and amending K.C.C. 12.92.02 and Ordinance No. 3139, Section 502, as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Public Disturbance Noises. 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 sounds 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 except that vendors whose sole method of

1 selling is from a moving vehicle shall be exempt from this
2 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 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 vibration to be felt at a~~
16 ~~distance of seventy five feet or more from the source of the~~
17 ~~sound.)) Loud, raucous, frequent, repetitive or continuous
18 sound created by: the use of any device capable of producing an
19 impulsive sound such as when being struck by an object; by a
20 whistle; by a sound amplifier; or by any audio equipment such
21 as a radio, tape player, disc player or any other audio device
22 capable of producing, reproducing or amplifying sound that can
23 be clearly heard or felt at seventy five feet or more from the
24 source of the sound whether stationary, portable or in a motor
25 vehicle.~~

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G. (~~The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous loud sounds from (portable) audio equipment, such as a radio, tape player, compact disc player, or any combination of them, which exceed the permissible sound level set forth herein or which cause vibrations to be felt at a distance of seventy five feet or more from the source of the sound.~~) Any sound out of doors that interferes with normal conversation at a distance of seventy five feet or more from the source of the sound.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 13th day of May 1991.

PASSED this 9th day of December, 1991.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Tetun
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 19th day of December, 1991.

Jim Hill
King County Executive