

Staff Recommendations for Changes to the Noise Ordinance

- Amend the ordinance to include dBC limits in Table 1 of Chapter 17.
 - o dBC limits would be 10 dB higher than the dBA levels.
- Amend ordinance to include location for code officer to take proactive measurements.
Recommended location: Five (5) feet from the building, structure or establishment.
 - ~~o We may not need to do this if the City prevails on our citation of 17-71.b. Rights-of-way for amplified sound being plainly audible 25 feet from the sound source (paraphrased).~~
 - o Follow-up: This amendment is needed.
- Special Entertainment District
 - o Amend the ordinance to state that when there is a complainant, sound measurements shall be taken from the property line of the instead of five (5) feet from the building, structure, or establishment.
- Vacation rental noise:
 - o Add Section to Section 17-7.
- 10. Non-Amplified sound.
 - a. Residential use:
 - I. Sound shall not be plainly audible for a period of one (1) minute or longer at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet or more when measured from the source property line between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. daily.
 - II. Sound shall not be plainly audible for a period of one (1) minute or longer at a distance of fifty (50) feet or more when measured from the source property line between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily.
- Amend Ordinance to Include Language from Section 5-34 of the Code of Ordinances and amend existing language in Chapter 17 that conflicts with the section below:
- **Sec. 5-34. - Hours music or disturbing noises prohibited.**
No person licensed under the state beverage law, except nightclubs, shall allow or permit after 11:00 p.m. instrumental music, singing or other forms of entertainment, in any room where beers, wines, liquors or alcoholic beverages are sold or offered for sale, indoors or outdoors, unless such room or rooms are soundproofed, in order that the noise therefrom may not disrupt the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. It being intended hereby that in rooms soundproofed as defined in this section, music, singing and other forms of entertainment may be conducted during the hours that alcoholic beverages may be sold, as set forth in this chapter, but at no other hours
- Follow-up : Staff needs to refine the language in this Section.