

TOWN OF BUTTE FALLS.....NOISE ORDINANCE #290

(Excerpts from ordinance)

Section 6. Noises Prohibited - the following acts are declared to be per se violations of this ordinance. This enumeration does not constitute an exclusive list:

F. Loudspeaker, Amplifiers, Public Address Systems and Similar Devices: the unreasonably loud and raucous use or operation of the above mentioned, for producing or reproducing sound between the hours of 10 PM and 8 AM weekdays and 10 PM and 8 AM on weekends and holidays in the summer months and 9 PM and 8 AM on weekends and holidays in the winter months in the following areas:

1) within adjacent to residential or noise-sensitive areas; 2) within public space if the sound is plainly audible across the real property line of the public space from which the sound emanates, and is unreasonably loud and raucous; 3) summer is defined as May 1st through October 1st.

G. Yelling, Shouting and Similar Activities: yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing in residential or noise sensitive areas or in public places between the hours of 10 PM to 8 AM on Fridays and Saturdays and 9 PM to 8 AM on Sunday through Thursday, or any time or place so as to unreasonably disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of reasonable persons of ordinary sensitivities. This section is to be applied only to those situations where the disturbance is not a result of the content of the communication but due to the volume, duration, location, timing or other factors not based on content.

H. Animals and Birds: Unreasonably loud and raucous noise emitted by an animal or bird for which a person is responsible. A person is responsible for an animal if the person owns, controls or otherwise cares for the animal or bird.

I. Loading or Unloading Merchandise, Materials or Equipment: the creation of unreasonably loud, raucous and excessive noise in connection with the loading or unloading of any vehicle at a place of business or residence, exempt between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM.

J. Construction or Repair of Buildings, Excavation of Streets and Highways: The construction, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways other than between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM on weekdays. In cases of emergency, construction or repair noises are exempt from this provision. In non-emergency situations, the mayor may issue a permit, upon application, if the mayor determines that the public health and safety, as affected by loud and raucous noise caused by construction or repair of buildings or excavation of streets and highways between the hours of 7 PM and 7 AM will not be impaired, and if the mayor further determines that loss or inconvenience would otherwise result. The permit shall grant permission in non-emergency cases for a period of not more than three (3) days. The permit may be renewed for a period of three (3) days or less.

K. Noise Sensitive Areas - Schools, Courts, Churches, Hospitals and Similar Institutions: The creation of any unreasonably loud and raucous noise adjacent to any noise sensitive area while it is in use, which unreasonably interferes with the workings of the institution or which disturbs the persons in these institutions; provided that conspicuous signs delineating the boundaries of the noise sensitive area displayed in the streets surrounding the noise sensitive area.

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