

Prohibited Noise generally

“Any noise of such character, intensity or duration which substantially interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of persons of ordinary sensibilities occupying, owning or controlling nearby properties, or persons making use of public properties for their intended purposes, is hereby declared to be unlawful and to be a nuisance, and is prohibited.”

(Section 18-82, City of Simpsonville Code of Ordinance)

Definitions:

Ambient noise means the generally prevailing sound or combination of sounds at the location where a listener receives the sound of the noise about which a complaint is being made. It is the sound or combination of sounds which a person of ordinary sensibilities would reasonably expect to encounter at the location in the ordinary and customary use of the premises.

Day and daytime means the period between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. (11:00 p.m. EDT) of the same calendar day.

Night and nighttime means the period between the hours of 10:00 p.m. (11:00 p.m. EDT) one calendar day and 7:00 a.m. the following calendar day.

SPECIFIC NOISE PROHIBITED Sec. 18-84

Operation of certain instruments, devices and equipment. Nuisance noises shall include but not be limited to the use or operation of the following instruments, devices or pieces of equipment when operated in the manner prohibited by section 18-82:

- (1) Musical instruments.
- (2) Radios, receivers, stereos, televisions, disc players, tape players, and comparable mechanical and electronic devices which produce sound.
- (3) Loudspeakers amplifiers or other devices which enhance or influence the level of sound in any way
- (4) Mechanical devices operating by compressed air, such as pneumatic drills and jackhammers
- (5) Horns sirens and signal devices using loud, brash or harassing noises, whether on vehicles or otherwise
- (6) Motor vehicle exhausts without mufflers or with inefficient or ineffective mufflers.
- (7) The human voice when used to yell, shout, scream or the like.
- (8) When operated at night, construction machinery, heavy duty equipment used in street repair and maintenance and domestic and commercial power tools, unless a permit is obtained.

SHORT TERM RENTAL NOISE ORDINANCE

Continuous or repeated noises. Regardless of the level of sound, the following shall be deemed a nuisance and shall be prohibited under section 18-82:

- (1) To keep any animal, including a bird, causing a frequent or long continued noise, such as barking, howling or screeching, disturbing the comfort and repose of any person of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity
- (2) To install or operate a burglar alarm system which uses an audible warning or bell without a functioning device that will shut off the warning or bell within 20 minutes after application of the system when the alarm cannot be readily or conveniently silenced manually by persons who are disturbed by its activation. Each activation of such an alarm that continues beyond 20 minutes shall be deemed a separate offense.

The City of Simpsonville Noise Ordinance can be viewed in its entirety from our Municode Website at: www.simpsonville.com/code-of-ordinances/