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ORDINANCE NO. 1414

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHAPTER XI, AND ESTABLISHING NEW ARTICLE 4, NOISE VIOLATIONS, SECTIONS 11-401 THROUGH 11-404.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, hereby establishes regulations concerning noise levels in order to maintain reasonable peace and quiet in the City and protect individuals from excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS.

SECTION 1: That Code 2014 of the Columbus City Code of Ordinances, Chapter XI, Section 4 Noise Violations, shall be established as follows:

NEW SECTION 11-401. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

The making, creation or maintenance of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud sounds and noises which are prolonged and unusual in their time, place and use, and any noise which unnecessarily either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others, is a detriment to public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and prosperity of the residents of the City.

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, maintain or cause to be made any excessive, unreasonable or unusually loud noise which disturbs, injures or endangers the repose, health, peace or safety of other people of ordinary sensitivity within the vicinity of the noise.

NEW SECTION 11-402. NOISE LEVELS.

For residential property the noise level may not exceed:

- 60 decibels between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
This is the noise level of a dishwasher, conversation or ringing telephone
Exceptions include the use of power tools and/or lawn mowers
- 55 decibels between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
A stereo that can be heard across a property line between midnight and 6:00 a.m. is in violation of the ordinance, as is a vehicle that can be heard by neighbors between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (this includes revving an engine).
Cars that shake the ground with bass audio or reverberations are in violation if they can be heard or felt 50 feet from the origin of the sound.

NEW SECTION 11-403. OTHER EXCEPTIONS:

- Emergency vehicles
- Alarm systems
- Trash and waste pickup operations
- Noise resulting from activities of a temporary duration planned by school,

governmental or community groups

- Aircraft and railroads
- Air conditioners
- Construction and industrial operations
- Church bells or chimes

NEW SECTION 11-404. PENALTIES.

Penalties for violation of the City's noise ordinance may include:

Fines in the amount of \$50.00 for the first offense; \$150.00 for the second offense; and \$250.00 for the third offense.

SECTION 2: All ordinances, resolutions or policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Governing body this 20th day of November 2017.



William Schaiff, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk

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