

Ordinance 13-16

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING UNNECESSARY NOISES WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

Be it ordained by The Council of the Village of Covington, Ohio, meeting in regular session that in order to protect the public health, safety and general well-being of the residence of the Village, it is hereby ordained that the following be hereinafter enacted:

Section 1:

- (a) That it shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or to cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary unnatural, or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety or other, within the limits of the Village.
- (b) The following acts, among others are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:
 - (1) The using, operating or permitting to be operated any machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such manner as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room, vehicle or chamber in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The operation of any such machine or device in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
 - (2) Exhausts. The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any motorcycle, steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor boat, or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud, unusual, excessive or explosive noises to be emitted therefrom.
 - (3) Defect on vehicle or load. The use of any automobile, motorcycle, or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in such manner as to create loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.
 - (4) The keeping of any animal or bird in any area zoned for residential purposes which animal or animals, bird or birds by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity.
- (c) Whoever violates this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor of the Fourth Degree. If previously convicted within 12 months of this or other similar offence they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor of the First Degree.

Section 2:


That this Ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowable by law.

Section 3:

Ordinance 78-16 passed on September 18, 1978 as well as all other resolutions and ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

APPROVED May 17, 2016:


Edward L. McCord, Mayor


R. Scott Tobias, President of Council


Brenda Carroll, Clerk / Fiscal Officer