

ORDINANCE NO. 306

AN ORDINANCE to prohibit unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in the City of Alexandria, Virginia and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

Section 1: That it shall be unlawful to create within the City of Alexandria, Virginia any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises, or noise of such a character, intensity or duration as might be reasonably detrimental to the life or health of any person or as might unreasonably disturb or annoy the quiet, comfort or repose of any person; and the creation of any such noise is hereby prohibited.

Section 2. That the following noises, among others, are declared to be noises whose creation is in violation of this ordinance, but that such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

a. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or, if in motion, only as a danger signal to pedestrians or vehicles after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device as unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

b. The playing of any radio, phonograph or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 P. M. and 7:00 A. M., as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence.

c. 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, back firing or other noises.

d. The creation of a loud and excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates and containers.

e. The use of mechanical loud speakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving vehicles or in mercantile establishments for advertising or other purposes.

Section 3. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect on the day after its publication in the Alexandria Gazette.

Approved this 28th day of November, 1939.

RICHARD L. RUFFNER,
Mayor