

## Ordinance No. 472

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 27, Chapter 31, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, enacted as a whole July 2, 1940, and made effective August 5, 1940, relating to noises.

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

Section 1. That Section 27, of Chapter 31, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, enacted as a whole July 2, 1940, and made effective August 5, 1940, be and the same hereby is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

### Sec. 27. Noises.

It shall be unlawful to create within the city any unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noises, or any 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.

The following noises, among others, are declared to be noises whose creation is in violation of this section, but 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 an 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 any other manner so 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; provided however, that such use of mechanical loud speakers or amplifiers shall not be a violation if a permit for such use is first obtained as herein-after set forth.

The city manager is hereby authorized to permit use of mechanical loud speakers or amplifiers on the streets of the city between the hours of 9 o'clock A.M. and 7 o'clock P.M., when in his opinion such use is not detrimental to the public interest. Such permits may be limited or restricted as to area or time, but in no case shall such use be permitted within one block of any hospital or quiet zone. Any such permit may be revoked by the city manager at any time when in his opinion the public interest requires it.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment in jail for a period not to exceed 10 days, either or both in the discretion of the court or jury.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect the day after its publication in the Alexandria Gazette.

WILLIAM T. WILKINS  
Mayor

August 14, 1946