

**CITY OF SAMMAMISH  
WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO.O2002-105**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH,  
WASHINGTON, RELATING TO NOISE**

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Sammamish desires to establish an ordinance regulating excessive noise within the City for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH,  
WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. The City Council finds that inadequately controlled noise adversely affects the health, safety and welfare of the people, the value of property, and the quality of the environment. Therefore, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the City of Sammamish to minimize the exposure of citizens to the harmful physiological and psychological effects of excessive noise. It is the express intent of the City to control the level of noise in a manner which promotes commerce, the use, value and enjoyment of property, sleep and repose, and the quality of the environment.

Section 2. Public Nuisance and Disturbance Noises. It is unlawful for any person to cause, or for any person in possession of property to allow to originate from said property, sound that is a public nuisance. The following sources of sound are defined to be public nuisances, except to the extent that they may be specifically exempted by other provisions of this Ordinance:

A. Frequent, repetitive or continuous noise in connection with the starting, operation, repair, rebuilding or testing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, off-highway vehicle or internal combustion engine so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort and repose of owners or possessors of real property; provided, however, this subsection shall not apply to airplanes and boats;

B. Frequent, repetitive or continuous sounding of any horn or siren attached to a motor vehicle, except as a warning of danger or as specifically permitted or required by law;

C. Any loud and raucous noise which unreasonably interferes with the use of any business or residential property, school or place of religious worship.

D. Sound from motor vehicle public address or audio systems, such as, but not limited to, tape players, radios and compact disc players, operated at a volume so as to be audible greater than 75 feet from the source;

E. Sound from audio equipment, such as, but not limited to, tape players, radios and compact disc players, whether portable or placed in a fixed location, operated at a volume so as to be audible greater than 75 feet from the source; and

The foregoing provisions shall not apply to regularly scheduled events at parks or stadiums, such as public address systems for baseball games or park concerts, or to community festivals or permitted parades.

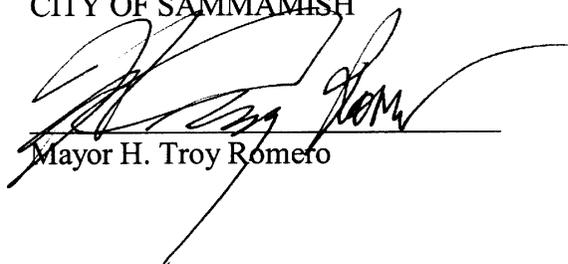
Section 3. Penalty for Violation. Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be subject to a civil fine not to exceed \$250.00 for a first offense. For second and subsequent offenses within any twelve (12) consecutive month period, the person shall be subject to a civil fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

Section 4. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE 2002.**

CITY OF SAMMAMISH



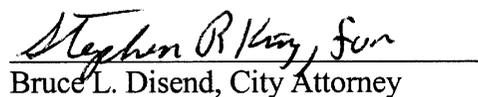
Mayor H. Troy Romero

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Bruce L. Disend, City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk:	May 24, 2002
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