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GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. G-4-17

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING  
CHAPTER 96 OF  
THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE CODE OF ORDINANCES

SECTION 1. Chapter 96 of the City of Fort Wayne Code of Ordinances is repealed and replaced as follow:

**CHAPTER 96: NOISE CONTROL AND OTHER SENSORY CONTROL**

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## GENERAL PROVISIONS

☐ § 96.01 SCOPE.

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(Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93)

☐ § 96.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

**CONSUMER FIREWORKS.** A small firework that is designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion and that is required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling requirements promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR 1507. The term also includes some small devices designed to produce an audible effect, such as whistling devices, ground devices containing 50 milligrams or less of explosive composition, and aerial devices containing 130 milligrams or less of explosive composition. Propelling and expelling charges consisting of a mixture of charcoal sulfur and potassium nitrate are not considered to be designed to produce an audible effect. Consumer fireworks include:

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(2) Ground audible devices, which include, but are not limited to, firecrackers, salutes and chasers; and

(3) Firework devices containing combinations of the effects described in divisions (1) and (2) above.

**CONSUMER FIREWORKS** do not include the following fireworks as referenced in IC 22-11-14-8(a):

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2 (1) Dipped sticks or wire sparklers. However, the total pyrotechnic composition  
3 may not exceed 100 grams per item; and devices containing chlorate or perchlorate  
4 salts may not exceed five grams per item;

5 (2) Cylindrical fountains;

6 (3) Cone fountains;

7 (4) Illuminating torches;

8 (5) Wheels;

9 (6) Ground spinners;

10 (7) Flitter sparklers;

11 (8) Snakes or glow worms;

12 (9) Smoke devices;

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14 (10) Trick noisemakers that include party poppers, booby traps, snappers, trick  
15 matches, cigarette loads and auto burglar alarms.

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17 ***DIRECTIONAL LIGHTING.*** Any exterior lighting fixture that is placed so as to  
18 create a direct path of light aimed toward an object or structure or an exterior lighting  
19 fixture that has the capability of swiveling, turning or rotating the aim or direction to  
20 the light path including but not limited to flood lights, bullet and/or spot lights.

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22 ***EXTERIOR LIGHTING.*** Any directional lighting source that is mounted on or  
23 about the exterior of a residential property that emits any level of light, other than a  
24 lighting source in a public right-of-way.

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26 ***FULLY SHIELDED.*** A fixture with housing or attachment thereto which prevents  
27 a line of sight to the bulb when viewed from another property.

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29 ***GLARE.*** Discomfort experienced by an observer with a direct line of sight to the  
30 light source which results in annoyance, discomfort or loss of visual performance  
causing visual impairment.

1 *LUMENS.* Measure of brightness of the illumination exiting a bulb.

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3 *MOTOR VEHICLE.* Any vehicle powered by a mechanical engine, and designed  
4 to be driven or used on any public or private property. Such definition shall include,  
5 but not be limited to: automobiles, vans, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters, dune  
6 buggies, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, go-carts, minibikes, and trail bikes.

7 *UNREASONABLE NOISE.* Sound that is of a volume, frequency, or pattern that  
8 prohibits, disrupts, injures, or endangers the health, safety, welfare, prosperity,  
9 comfort, or repose of reasonable persons of ordinary sensitivities within the City,  
10 given the time of day and environment in which the sound is made.

11 *PERSON.* Any individual, association, partnership or corporation which includes  
12 any officer, employee, department, agency or instrumentality.

13 (Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93; Am. Ord. G-15-07, passed 6-12-07; Am. Ord. G-15-  
14 08, passed 12-9-08)

15 **§ 96.03 NOISE CONTROL POLICY.**

16 (A) It shall be a violation of this Chapter when the making of a sound by volume,  
17 frequency, pattern, or duration that prohibits, disrupts, injures or endangers the  
18 health, safety, welfare, prosperity, comfort, or repose of persons of ordinary  
19 sensitivities within the city, or permit to such noise to be made in or about his/her  
20 house or premises, has so increased as to constitute a public nuisance.

21 (B) The sole intent of the provisions of this Chapter is declared to be, as a matter of  
22 legislative determination for this declaration of noise control policy, to secure and  
23 promote the health, safety, welfare, prosperity, comfort, and repose of persons in this  
24 city by reducing unreasonable noise. A determination of a violation of this Chapter  
25 may not be based on the content of any message conveyed during the creation of any  
26 noise or the identity of any person responsible for or associated with the creation of  
27 any noise.

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2 (C) Factors for determining whether a sound is unreasonably loud and raucous  
include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 3 (1) The proximity of the sound to sleeping facilities, whether residential or  
4 commercial;  
5 (2) The land use, nature, and zoning of the area from which the sound  
6 emanates and the area where it is received or perceived;  
7 (3) The time of day or night the sound occurs;  
8 (4) The duration of the sound; and  
9 (5) Whether the sound is recurrent, intermittent, or constant.

10 (Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93)

11 **§ 96.04 PROHIBITED NOISE. .**

12 Except as otherwise provided in 96.05, any person who performs any of the acts  
13 enumerated in this subsection, or who causes or allows the performance of any of  
14 such acts in or upon any property owned, occupied, or controlled by said person,  
15 shall be in violation of this section:

16 (1) *Horns and signaling devices*, The sounding of any horn, signaling or  
17 other similar device on any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle on any  
18 street or public place except as a danger warning; the creation by means of  
19 any such signaling device of any unreasonably loud and raucous sound; and  
20 the sounding of any such device for an unreasonable period of time. The use  
21 of any signaling device except one operated by hand or electricity; the use  
22 of any horn, whistle or other devise operated by engine exhaust; or the use  
23 of any such signaling device when traffic is for any reason held up. More  
24 than five (5) consecutive seconds shall be a prima facie unreasonable period  
of time.

25 (2) *Machines and devices for producing sounds*. Playing, using, operating or  
26 permitting to be played, used, or operated, any radio, television, digital media  
27 player, loudspeaker, sound amplifier, musical instrument or any machine or

1 device for producing or reproducing sound from a vehicle, private or public  
2 property, including public right-of-way, highway, building, sidewalk, park or  
3 thoroughfare, or from a vehicle a vehicle or private property in a manner that  
4 makes unreasonable noise. The operation of any such machine or device in a  
5 manner that produces sound plainly audible to a person with normal hearing:

6 a. From any place other than where the sound source is located when  
7 the machine or device is being operated between the hours of 10:00  
8 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; or

9 b. From a distance greater than fifty (50) feet from the sound source  
10 of the machine or device when it is located in any public street or  
11 public place of the city.

12 (3) *Yelling or shouting.* Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on  
13 the public streets, particularly between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00  
14 a.m. or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or  
15 repose of persons in any office or in any dwelling, hotel or other type of  
16 residence or of any person in the vicinity.

17 (4) *Exhausts blowers, engines and motors.* The operation or use of any  
18 vehicle or machine powered by an engine, motor, or power unit on a  
19 motorboat, motor vehicle, motorcycle, or other vehicle or craft of any kind,  
20 blower or power fan in a manner that makes unreasonable noise by in any  
21 public street or public place of the city and being operated so that the exhaust  
22 bypasses the muffler or noise-reducing device.

23 (5) *Schools, courts, churches, hospitals.* The making of noise that is plainly  
24 audible to a person with normal hearing above normal ambient noise levels at  
25 a distance of fifty (50) feet from the source of the noise on any street adjacent  
26 to any school, institution of learning, church, court, or hospital while it is in  
27 use, provided that conspicuous signs are displayed in such streets indicating  
28 that the area is a school, hospital, or other such quiet zone.

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(6) *Pile drivers, hammers.* The operation of any pile driver, steam shovel, pneumatic hammer, derrick, steam or electric hoist, except when being operated by a public utility in connection with emergency repairs of such utility between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

§ 96.05 EXEMPTIONS.

Exemptions shall not be permitted within any duly established **QUIET ZONE** when such zone is designated by appropriate signage. The following shall be exempted from the provisions of this chapter:

(A) Sound emitted from sirens of authorized emergency vehicles.

(B) Lawn mowers, garden tractors, and similar home power tools when properly muffled, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

(C) Burglar alarms or other warning devices when properly installed on publicly or privately owned property, providing the cause for such alarm or warning device sound is investigated and turned off within a reasonable period of time.

(D) Celebrations on Halloween and legal holidays.

(E) Permitted parades or festivals, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, Sunday through Thursday; and between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. Friday through Saturday.

(F) Attendant noise connected with the actual performance of athletic or sporting events and practices related to them.

(G) The emission of sound for the purposes of alerting persons to the existence of an emergency, or for the performance of emergency work.

(H) Sounds associated with normal conduction of a legally established non-transient business when such sounds are customary, incidental and within the normal range appropriate for such use.

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2 (I) In the case of motor vehicles, where the noise is the result of a defective or  
3 modified exhaust system, if the cause is repaired or otherwise remedied within seven  
4 calendar days.

5 (Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93; Am. Ord. G-06-06, passed 6-27-06)

## 6 CONSUMER FIREWORKS

### 7 § 96.20 USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS.

8 No person within the corporate boundaries of the city shall use, ignite or discharge  
9 or permit to be used, ignited or discharged any type of consumer fireworks on any  
10 other day or time other than the following:

11 (A) June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8, July 9  
12 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to two hours after sunset;

13 (B) Day before Memorial Day, Memorial Day, July 4, day before Labor Day and  
14 Labor Day between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight;

15 (C) Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. on January 1;

16 (D) No other date or time is permitted for use of consumer fireworks.

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18 (Ord. G-15-07, passed 6-12-07)

## 19 EXTERIOR LIGHTING

### 20 § 96.25 USE OF EXTERIOR LIGHTING.

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22 (A) Any directional exterior lighting on residential property should be designed,  
23 installed and maintained so as to redirect or aim any directional light away from any  
24 adjoining residential property so as to avoid "light trespass".

25 (B) For the purposes of this section, *LIGHT TRESPASS* means:

26 (1) A light source causing glare that is on a line of sight to an observer five feet  
27 or more inside a residential property line; or

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2 (2) Any outdoor light fixtures (on residential properties) emitting 600 or more  
3 lumens.

4 (C) *Compliance/avoidance of light trespass.* Compliance in avoiding light  
5 trespass for glare as defined in (B)(1) above is achieved with fixture shielding,  
6 directional control designed into the fixture, fixture location, fixture height, fixture  
7 aim, or a combination of these factors.

8 To avoid light trespass and achieve compliance with regard to outdoor light  
9 fixtures emitting 600 lumens or more as defined in (B)(2) above, said outdoor light  
10 fixtures shall be frosted glass or covered by frosted glass or other similarly  
11 translucent cover. Additionally, an outdoor light fixture emitting more than 1,000  
12 lumens, except motion detector-activated lighting, shall be fully shielded to an  
13 observer at the property line. This can be achieved with fixture location, mounting  
14 height, natural artificial barriers on the texture owner's property, fixture shielding and  
15 other fixture design features.

16 (Ord. G-15-08, passed 12-9-08)

17 **§ 96.30 ENFORCEMENT.**

18 The Fort Wayne Police Department shall be charged with enforcing all provisions  
19 of this chapter.

20 (Ord. G-15-07, passed 6-12-07; Am. Ord. G-15-08, passed 12-9-08)

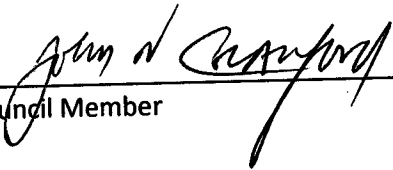
21 **§ 96.99 PENALTY.**

22 Whoever violates any provisions of this chapter, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
23 fined not less than \$150 or more than \$500 for each offense. Each day any violation  
24 shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.


25 (Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93)

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**SECTION 2.** That this Ordinance is in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

  
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Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

  
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Carol Helton, City Attorney

### *Noise Ordinance Summary*

Revisions to the Noise Ordinance were made to provide guidance to Fort Wayne police officers when enforcing the ordinance in various circumstances. A provision was included in the ordinance to state that enforcement will not be based on content of noise/speech but rather defines “unreasonable noise” and establishes objective standards and factors that will be used to determine whether a sound is unreasonably loud and raucous. These factors include the following:

- (1) The proximity of the sound to sleeping facilities, whether residential or commercial;*
- (2) The land use, nature, and zoning of the area from which the sound emanates and the area where it is received or perceived;*
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The revised ordinance also increases the distance from the source of the sound from 30 feet to 50 feet to be consistent with the different communities in Indiana.

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*Motor Vehicular Noise*

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**§ 96.03- NOISE CONTROL POLICY. LOUD AND UNNECESSARY NOISE PROHIBITED.**

~~— (A) It shall be a violation of this chapter for a person to make any loud, raucous, improper, unreasonable, offensive or unusual noise, disorder or tumult, which disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the city, or to permit such noise, disorder or tumult to be made in or about his/her house or premises, and the same is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.~~

~~— (B) Further, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, manager, agent or operator of any property, structure, vehicle, or business in the city, to prevent persons using property under their control from violating this chapter.~~

(A) It shall be a violation of this Chapter when the making of a sound by volume, frequency, pattern, or duration that prohibits, disrupts, injures or endangers the health, safety, welfare, prosperity, comfort, or repose of persons of ordinary sensitivities within the city, or permit to such noise to be made in or about his/her house or premises, has so increased as to constitute a public nuisance.

(B) The sole intent of the provisions of this Chapter is declared to be, as a matter of legislative determination for this declaration of noise control policy, to secure and promote the health,

safety, welfare, prosperity, comfort, and repose of persons in this city by reducing unreasonable noise. A determination of a violation of this Chapter may not be based on the content of any message conveyed during the creation of any noise or the identity of any person responsible for or associated with the creation of any noise.

(C) Factors for determining whether a sound is unreasonably loud and raucous include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) The proximity of the sound to sleeping facilities, whether residential or commercial;
- (2) The land use, nature, and zoning of the area from which the sound emanates and the area where it is received or perceived;
- (3) The time of day or night the sound occurs;
- (4) The duration of the sound; and
- (5) Whether the sound is recurrent, intermittent, or constant.

(Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93)

**§ 96.04 - PROHIBITED NOISE. ENUNERATION OF CERTAIN PROHIBITED ACTS.**

Except as otherwise provided in 96.05, any person who performs any of the acts enumerated in this subsection, or who causes or allows the performance of any of such acts in or upon any property owned, occupied, or controlled by said person, shall be in violation of this section:

(1) *Horns and signaling devices.* The sounding of any horn, signaling or other similar device on any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle on any street or public place except as a danger warning; the creation by means of any such signaling device of any unreasonably loud and raucous sound; and the sounding of any such device for an unreasonable period of time. The use of any signaling device except one operated by hand or electricity; the use of any horn, whistle or other devise operated by engine exhaust; or the use of any such signaling device when traffic is for any reason held up. More than five (5) consecutive seconds shall be a prima facie unreasonable period of time.

(2) *Machines and devices for producing sounds.* Playing, using, operating or permitting to be played, used, or operated, any radio, television, digital media player, loudspeaker, sound amplifier, musical instrument or any machine or device for producing or reproducing sound from a vehicle, private or public property, including public right-of-way, highway, building, sidewalk, park or thoroughfare, or from a vehicle a vehicle or private property in a manner that makes unreasonable noise. The operation of any such machine or device in a manner that produces sound plainly audible to a person with normal hearing:

- a. From any place other than where the sound source is located when the machine or device is being operated between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; or

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b. From a distance greater than fifty (50) feet from the sound source of the machine or device when it is located in any public street or public place of the city.

(3) *Yelling or shouting.* Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office or in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence or of any person in the vicinity.

(4) *Exhausts blowers, engines and motors.* The operation or use of any vehicle or machine powered by an engine, motor, or power unit on a motorboat, motor vehicle, motorcycle, or other vehicle or craft of any kind, blower or power fan in a manner that makes unreasonable noise -by in any public street or public place of the city and -being operated so that the exhaust bypasses the muffler or noise-reducing device.

(5) *Schools, courts, churches, hospitals.* The making of noise that is plainly audible to a person with normal hearing above normal ambient noise levels at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the source of the noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church, court, or hospital while it is in use, provided that conspicuous signs are displayed in such streets indicating that the area is a school, hospital, or other such quiet zone.

(6) *Pile drivers, hammers.* The operation of any pile driver, steam shovel, pneumatic hammer, derrick, steam or electric hoist, except when being operated by a public utility in connection with emergency repairs of such utility between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

~~The following acts, uses or noises, among others, subject to specific exemptions, are declared to be loud, raucous or disturbing noises in violation of this chapter. Such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:~~

~~(A) Using, operating or permitting to be played, used or 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 who is in the room, vehicle or property in which such machine or device is operated and who is a voluntary listener.~~

~~(B) Using, operating or permitting the use or operation of any machine, instrument or device capable of producing or reproducing of sound which is cast upon other properties including the public right-of-way for the purposes of commercial advertising or to attract attention to any activity, performance, sale, place or structure.~~

~~(C) Using, operating or permitting the use or operation of and machine, instrument or device capable of producing or reproducing any sound on any public transportation vehicle.~~

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~~—(D) Using, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated any machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound on any public right of way adjacent to any school, institution of higher learning, church or court while the same are in use, or adjacent to any hospital which unreasonably interferes with the working of such institution, or which unduly disturbs patients in the hospital.~~

~~(Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93)~~

~~§ 96.05 PROHIBITED NOISE.~~

~~—No person shall play, use, operate or permit to be played, used or operated, any machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound, if it is located in or on any of the following:~~

~~—(A) Any public property, including any public right of way, highway, building, sidewalk, park or thoroughfare, if the sound generated is audible at a distance of 30 feet from its source;~~

~~—(B) Any motor vehicle on a public right of way, highway, or public space if the sound generated is audible at a distance of 30 feet from the device producing the sound.~~

~~(Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93)~~

**MOTOR VEHICULAR NOISE**

~~§ 96.15 CERTAIN ACTS CONSTITUTE PUBLIC NUISANCE.~~

~~—The following acts are declared to be a public nuisance, but the enumeration of the particular offenses hereinafter particularly defined shall not be construed as limiting the generality of this chapter, or limiting the offense hereunder to the particular offense hereinafter enumerated:~~

~~—(A) The continuous or repeated sounding of any horn or signal device of a motor vehicle when not used as a danger signal. Continuous shall be defined to include unnecessary or unreasonable periods of time.~~

~~—(B) The use of any motor vehicle with appurtenances attached thereto so as to create loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.~~

~~—(C) The use of any motor vehicle with or without the attachment of various appurtenances thereto so as to create loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise or noises. This shall include the use of any vehicle said use of which causes excessive noise as a result of a defective or modified exhaust system, or as a result of unnecessary rapid acceleration, deceleration, revving the engine, or tire squeal.~~

~~(Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93)~~

~~§ 96.0516 EXEMPTIONS.~~

Exemptions shall not be permitted within any duly established **QUIET ZONE** when such zone is designated by appropriate signage. The following shall be exempted from the provisions of this chapter:

(A) Sound emitted from sirens of authorized emergency vehicles.

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(B) Lawn mowers, garden tractors, and similar home power tools when properly muffled, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

(C) Burglar alarms or other warning devices when properly installed on publicly or privately owned property, providing the cause for such alarm or warning device sound is investigated and turned off within a reasonable period of time.

(D) Celebrations on Halloween and legal holidays.

(E) Permitted parades or festivals, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, Sunday through Thursday; and between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. Friday through Saturday.

(F) Attendant noise connected with the actual performance of athletic or sporting events and practices related to them.

(G) The emission of sound for the purposes of alerting persons to the existence of an emergency, or for the performance of emergency work.

(H) Sounds associated with normal conduction of a legally established non-transient business when such sounds are customary, incidental and within the normal range appropriate for such use.

(I) In the case of motor vehicles, where the noise is the result of a defective or modified exhaust system, if the cause is repaired or otherwise remedied within seven calendar days.

(Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93; Am. Ord. G-06-06, passed 6-27-06)

### **CONSUMER FIREWORKS**

#### **§ 96.20 USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS.**

No person within the corporate boundaries of the city shall use, ignite or discharge or permit to be used, ignited or discharged any type of consumer fireworks on any other day or time other than the following:

(A) June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8, July 9 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to two hours after sunset;

(B) Day before Memorial Day, Memorial Day, July 4, day before Labor Day and Labor Day between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight;

(C) Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. on January 1;

(D) No other date or time is permitted for use of consumer fireworks.

(Ord. G-15-07, passed 6-12-07)

### **EXTERIOR LIGHTING**

#### **§ 96.25 USE OF EXTERIOR LIGHTING.**

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(A) Any directional exterior lighting on residential property should be designed, installed and maintained so as to redirect or aim any directional light away from any adjoining residential property so as to avoid "light trespass".

(B) For the purposes of this section, **LIGHT TRESPASS** means:

(1) A light source causing glare that is on a line of sight to an observer five feet or more inside a residential property line; or

(2) Any outdoor light fixtures (on residential properties) emitting 600 or more lumens.

(C) *Compliance/avoidance of light trespass.* Compliance in avoiding light trespass for glare as defined in (B)(1) above is achieved with fixture shielding, directional control designed into the fixture, fixture location, fixture height, fixture aim, or a combination of these factors.

To avoid light trespass and achieve compliance with regard to outdoor light fixtures emitting 600 lumens or more as defined in (B)(2) above, said outdoor light fixtures shall be frosted glass or covered by frosted glass or other similarly translucent cover. Additionally, an outdoor light fixture emitting more than 1,000 lumens, except motion detector-activated lighting, shall be fully shielded to an observer at the property line. This can be achieved with fixture location, mounting height, natural artificial barriers on the texture owner's property, fixture shielding and other fixture design features.

(Ord. G-15-08, passed 12-9-08)

**§ 96.30 ENFORCEMENT.**

The Fort Wayne Police Department shall be charged with enforcing all provisions of this chapter. ~~The Fort Wayne Police Department and the Fort Wayne Fire Department shall be charged with enforcing the provisions of § 96.25 of this chapter.~~

Field Code Changed

(Ord. G-15-07, passed 6-12-07; Am. Ord. G-15-08, passed 12-9-08)

**§ 96.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates any provisions of this chapter, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$150 nor more than \$500 for each offense. Each day any violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. G-21-93, passed 6-8-93)

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**BILL NO. G-17-02-27**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS**

**March 7, 2017**

***John Crawford Chair***

***Michael Barranda Co-Chair***

***All Council Members***

An Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 96 of the City of Fort Wayne Code of Ordinances

*Chapter 96: Noise Control and Other Sensory Control*

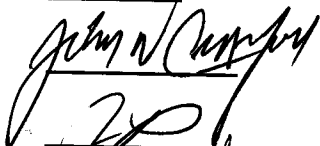


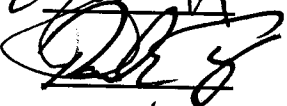

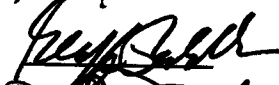

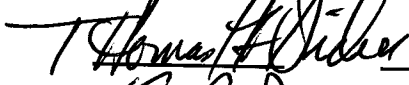
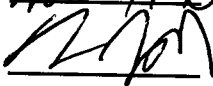
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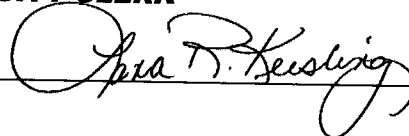
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**LANA R. KEESLING  
CITY CLERK**



Public Hearing Date: N/A

Read the first time in full and on motion by Councilman Crawford.

Read the second time by title and referred to the Regulations Committee.

Read the third time in full and on motion by Councilman Crawford, placed on passage by the following vote:

<u>TOTAL VOTES</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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DATED: March 14, 2017

  
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 LANA R. KEESLING, CITY CLERK

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as

General Ordinance No. G-17-02-27 on the 14th day of March, 2017

ATTEST:

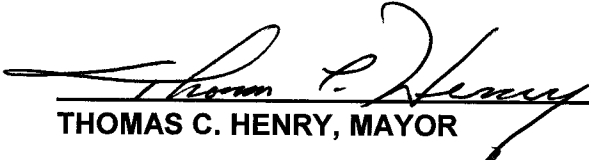
  
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 PRESIDING OFFICER

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 15th of March 2017, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M. E.S.T.

  
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 LANA R. KEESLING, CITY CLERK

Approved and signed by me this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH 2017, at the hour of 4:00 O'clock Pm . E.S.T.

  
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 THOMAS C. HENRY, MAYOR