
Sec. 11-3. Regulation of noise-producing devices.

- (a) *Definition.* For purposes of this section, "Beauregard Parish" or "parish" shall mean the lands located within Beauregard Parish outside of recognized municipal areas within the parish.
- (b) *Purpose.* It shall be unlawful for any person to use, operate, or permit to be played, used or operated, any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants, or at any time with louder volume than necessary for convenient hearing for the person who is in the room, vehicle, or chamber in which such machine or device is operated and who is a voluntary listener thereto within Beauregard Parish.
- (c) *Presumptive violation.* The sound or noise emanating from the sound amplification system is plainly audible at a distance of greater than fifty (50) feet from the property line of the source property, which exceeds eighty-five (85) decibels.

- (d) *Penalty:*

First offense \$100.00

Second offense \$250.00

Third offense \$500.00

- (e) *Exceptions.* This section shall not apply to or be enforced against the following:
 - (1) Any programs, activities, ceremonies, parades, marches, shows, exhibitions, or processions of any kind which are sponsored, in whole or in part, by local, state, or federal government entities, churches, schools, or civic organizations; or
 - (2) The reasonable use of amplifiers or loud speakers in the course of public addresses which are non-commercial in character; or
 - (3) The reasonable use of amplifiers or loud speakers in the course of activities, shows, exhibitions or functions which are sponsored for and open to the general public; or
- (f) *Restricted uses and activities.* Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections C and/or E, the following standards shall apply to the activities of sources of sound set forth below.
 - (1) Generators, power tools and landscaping and yard maintenance equipment shall not be operated on residential property between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. All electrified or motorized equipment used in these activities shall be operated with a muffler. During the permissible hours of operation as established herein, the operation of power tools and landscaping and yard maintenance equipment on residential property shall not be subject to the provisions of subsection (c).
 - (2) Industrial equipment, including but not limited to machinery, compressors and generators, power tools and landscaping and yard maintenance equipment, excluding emergency work, shall not be operated within two hundred fifty (250) feet of a residential property line when operated on commercial or industrial property, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays, or between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends or federal holidays, unless such activities can meet the limits set forth in subsection (c). In addition, industrial equipment, including but not limited to machinery, compressors and generators, power tools and landscaping and yard maintenance equipment, excluding emergency work, utilized on commercial or industrial property shall meet the limits set forth in subsection (c) between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. All electrified or motorized equipment used in these activities shall be operated with a muffler. At all other times, the limits set forth in

subsection (c) do not apply to industrial equipment, including but not limited to machinery, compressors and generators, power tools and landscaping and yard maintenance equipment.

- (3) Domestic animals, and any other animal not in a state of natural liberty, may not make more than sixty (60) vocalizations in any ten-minute period. The presumptive violation in subsection (c) shall be applicable.

(Ord. No. 1-91, 2-12-91; Ord. No. 1-98, 4-14-98; Ord. No. 4-2018, 6-12-2018)

Editor's note(s)—Former § 11-3, Noise control, deriving from an Ordinance of Aug. 11, 1952, has been deleted as being superseded by provisions of Ord. No. 1-91, adopted Feb. 12, 1991, and codified herein as § 11-3.