

## Noise Ordinance Violation Guide

Type of Noise	Where Noise Originates	When a Noise Violation Occurs
<b>Amplified Noise</b> (Music, voices, bass, etc from musical instrument, sound system, radio, speakers, etc.)	Anywhere in the City, except the C-3 Zoning District (Aggieville) or C-4 Central Business District (Downtown)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Day</u> (7:00 a.m. – 11:00p.m.): if the noise exceeds district decibel levels when measured beyond property line, or if it is otherwise “endangering or injuring” or “annoying or disturbing” a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities</li> <li>• <u>Night</u> (11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.): if noise is plainly audible or exceeds the decibel limits beyond the property line, or if it is otherwise “endangering or injuring” or “annoying or disturbing” a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities</li> </ul>
<b>Amplified Noise</b> (Music, voices, bass, etc from musical instrument, sound system, radio, speakers, etc.)	C-3 Zoning District (Aggieville) & C-4 Central Business District (Downtown)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Day</u> (7:00 a.m. – 11:00p.m.): if the noise exceeds district decibel levels when measured beyond property line of district plus 50-foot buffer, or if it is otherwise “endangering or injuring” or “annoying or disturbing” a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities</li> <li>• <u>Night</u> (11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.): if it is plainly audible beyond the boundary lines of the C-3 or C-4 Zoning District plus 50-foot buffer, if it exceeds the decibel level when measured beyond the property line of the district plus 50-foot buffer, or if it is otherwise “endangering or injuring” or “annoying or disturbing” a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities</li> </ul>
<b>Amplified Noise (Vehicle)</b> (Music, voices, bass, etc from musical instrument, sound system, radio, speakers, etc.)	From a vehicle, anywhere in the City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Anytime</u>, cannot be plainly audible from a distance 50 feet from vehicle, or if it is otherwise “endangering or injuring” or “annoying or disturbing” a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Animal Noise</b>	Anywhere in City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Anytime</u>, if person fails to prevent animal from making loud, frequent, habitual, persistent, excessive, or untimely audible noise, including but not limited to howling, barking, yelping, crowing or calling, if such audible noise annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of ordinary sensitivities or interferes with a reasonable person of ordinary sensitivities use or enjoyment of his or her property</li> </ul>

<b>Construction Noise</b>	Anywhere in City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Anytime</u>, if the noise is “endangering or injuring” or “annoying or disturbing” a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities</li> </ul>
<b>Lawn Care Noise</b>	Anywhere in City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Day</u> (7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.): if the noise is “endangering or injuring” or “annoying or disturbing” a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities</li> <li>• <u>Night</u> (9:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.): if such sound exceeds district decibel levels or if the noise is “endangering or injuring” or “annoying or disturbing” a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities</li> </ul>
<b>Garbage Collection</b>	Anywhere in City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Anytime</u>, if the noise is “endangering or injuring” or “annoying or disturbing” a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities</li> </ul>
<b>All other noises</b>	Anywhere in City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Anytime</u>, if the noise exceeds district decibel levels or if the noise is “endangering or injuring” or “annoying or disturbing” a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities</li> </ul>

The following sounds cannot be considered noise violations:

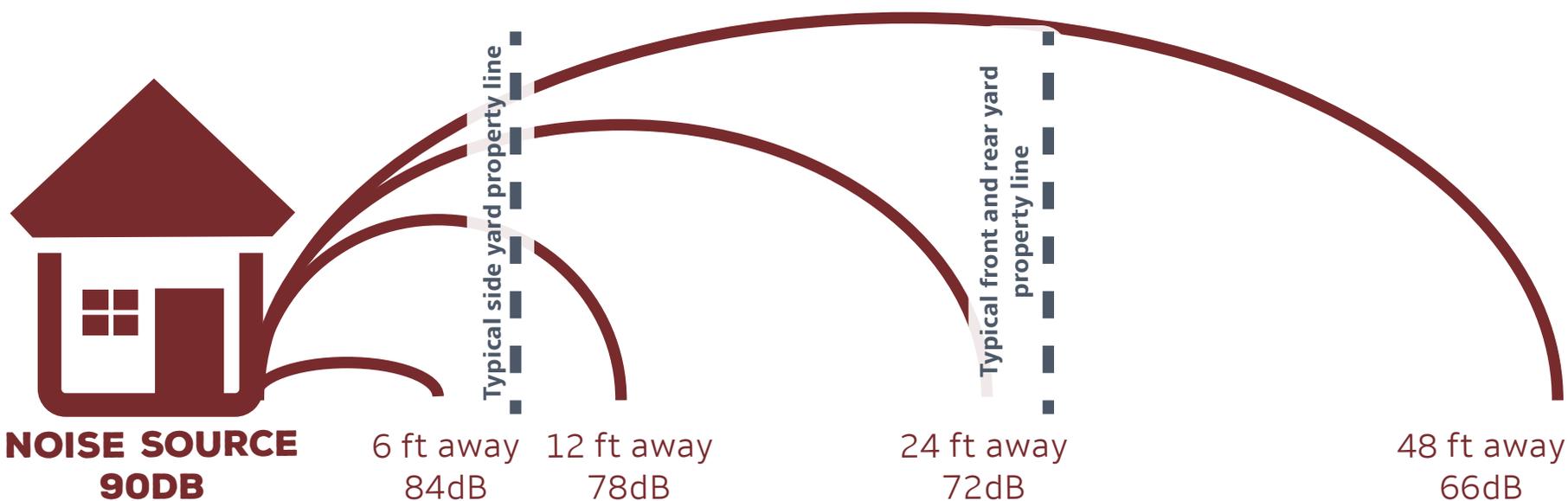
- Noise from assembly permit (ex. protest)
- Law enforcement/emergency services noise
- Activities/operations/equipment from government or public utility providers

Decibel Limits:

- 65 dbA Limit at all times in Residential Zoning Districts
- 80 dbA Limit at all times in Commercial/Industrial Districts



# NOISE ORDINANCE DECIBEL LIMITS



*\*Note: Example is 90 dB source at outside edge of house (noise travel and decibel level may vary depending on wind, obstructions, etc.)*

**What's a violation?**  
Sound in commercial/industrial areas at **80 db(A)** or more when measured beyond property line (standing next to a running garbage disposal = 80)

**What's a violation?**  
Sound in residential areas at **65 db(A)** or more when measured beyond property line (standing next to a running vacuum cleaner = 65)