

ORDINANCE 19-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 2 OF THE SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 11-221 ENTITLED "ANTI-NOISE REGULATIONS" AND SECTION 11-225 ENTITLED "PUBLIC CONDUCT AT A SPECIAL EVENT OR PARADE" AS SET FORTH IN "EXHIBIT A" ATTACHED

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen desires to preserve and protect the right to free speech of organizations and individuals guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; and,

Whereas, the City of Springfield intends to promote an environment where the citizens and general public may attend parades and special events free from unreasonable interference from organizations and groups exercising said right;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Springfield, Tennessee as follows:

Section 1. Title 11 of the Springfield Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending Chapter 2, Section 11-221 entitled "Anti-Noise Regulations" and Section 11-225 entitled "Public Conduct at a Special Event or Parade" to read as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions and policies in conflict herewith shall be rescinded to the extent of the conflict only.

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Passed 3rd reading October 15, 2019



Ann Schneider, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Crockett, City Recorder

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Exhibit "A"

11-221. Anti-noise regulations. Subject to the provisions of this section, the creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity, or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual, or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare is prohibited.

(1) Miscellaneous prohibited noises enumerated. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(a) Blowing horns. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, truck, 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 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 for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

(b) Radios, phonographs, etc. The playing of any radio, phonograph, or any musical instrument or sound device, including but not limited to loudspeakers or other devices for reproduction or amplification of sound, either independently of or in connection with motion pictures, radio, or television, 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 office or hospital, or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(c) Yelling, shouting, etc. Yelling, shouting, whistling, use of an amplification device or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or at any time so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any persons in any hospital, dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

11-225. Public Conduct During a Special Event or Parade. The following provisions shall apply to conduct of persons during a special event or parade:

- 1) No person shall, obstruct, impede or inhibit any person, vehicle, or animal participating in a special event properly permitted under this article. This includes participants' ingress and egress to and from a special event or parade.

- 2) No driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles or persons comprising a parade when such vehicles or persons are in motion and are conspicuously designated as a parade.
- 3) The Police Department shall have the authority when reasonably necessary to prohibit or restrict parking of vehicles along a street constituting a part of a lawfully permitted parade, race or run route, or to restrict parking and pedestrian traffic on any public property or street contiguous to the location of a lawfully approved special event.