Bingen Municipal Code

Chapter 9.20

PUBLIC DISTURBANCE NOISE

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9.20.010 Public 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 disturbance noise. The following sounds are public disturbance noises:

A. The frequent repetitive or continuous sounding of any horn or siren attached to a motor vehicle, except as when used as a warning of danger or as specifically permitted or required by law:

B. Sound from motor vehicle audio sound systems, such as tape players, radios and compact disc players operated at a volume that such sound can be clearly heard by a person with normal hearing at a distance of fifty feet or more from the source of the sound;

C. Sound from portable audio equipment, such as tape players, radios and compact disc players, operated at such a volume that said sounds can be clearly heard by a person of normal hearing at a distance of fifty feet or more from the source of the sound;

D. It is unlawful and a separate violation of this chapter for any person to refuse or intentionally fail to cease unreasonable noise when ordered to do so by a police officer. (Ord. 412(part), 1992).

9.20.020 Exceptions.

This section shall not apply to regularly scheduled events at parks, such as public address systems for baseball games, or park concerts or events for which the sponsor of the event has obtained a city permit. This section shall not apply to persons operating portable audio equipment between the hours of eight a.m. and nine p.m. on their own premises, such as an owner or tenant of real property. However, the operation of portable audio equipment from a motor vehicle or from speakers located outside of a building or other enclosed structure shall not be exempt from the requirements of this chapter. (Ord. 413(part), 1992).
9.20.030   Content of sound.

The content of the sound will not be considered in determining a violation of this section. (Ord. 412(part), 1992).

9.20.040   Penalty.

Violation of this chapter is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars and by jail sentence not exceeding fourteen days. (Ord. 412(part), 1992).