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GENERAL REFERENCES

Animals – See Ch., 65.
Parks and recreation areas – See Ch. 117.
Zoning – See Ch. 173.

§ 110-1. Unlawful Acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the Township of Wilkins limits.

§ 110-2. Vehicular warning signals

No person shall sound any horn or any signaling device on any automobile, motorcycle or motor bicycle or other vehicle in any street or public place of the Township of Wilkins except as a danger warning signal, nor activate any such signal device that is unreasonably loud or harsh; nor shall any person sound any such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time; nor shall any air horn be used.

§ 110-3. Motor vehicle muffling systems.

No person shall operate any motor vehicle or motorcycle or motor scooter in the Township of Wilkins without an appropriate muffling device on the exhaust system of said vehicle in order to prevent any unnecessary and unreasonably loud or harsh sound.

§ 110-4. Sound equipment disturbing others.¹

No person shall use, operate or permit to be played any radio receiving set, musical instrument, television, phonograph or other machine or device for producing or reproducing sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of neighboring inhabitants, nor shall machines or devices be operated at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room, vehicle, chamber or building or open lot in or on in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The operation of any such instrument, machine or device in such a manner as to be audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the building, structure, vehicle or open lot in which it is located is prohibited.

§ 110-5. Sound-amplifying machines.

No person shall use, operate or permit to be played, used or operated any sound-amplifying machine for the producing or reproducing of sound which is cast upon the public streets for the purpose of advertising.

§ 110-6. Yelling and singing in streets.

No person shall yell, shout, hoot, whistle or sing on the public streets between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., nor anytime or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any building or of any persons in the vicinity.

§ 110-7. Animals and birds.

The keeping of any animal or bird which causes frequent or long-continued noise which disturbs the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity is prohibited.

§ 110-8. Construction operations.

¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

The erection, including excavation, demolition, alteration, construction or repair, of any building other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., except in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, is prohibited.

§ 110-9. Noise adjacent to public buildings.

No person shall create any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church or other public building while the same are in use which unreasonably interferes with the working of such institution or which disturbs or unduly annoys the pupils, churchgoers or others inside such building.

§ 110-10. Peddlers and vendors.

No peddler, hawker or vendor shall shout or otherwise cry his wares which disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

§ 110-11. Hours of operation of power equipment.

The operation between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. of any pile driver, steam or power shovel, excavating equipment, pneumatic hammer, steam or electric hoist or other appliance, the use of which is attended by loud or unusual noise, is prohibited.

§ 110-12. Violations and penalties.²

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.) and the costs of prosecution and, in default of the payment thereof, to be sentenced to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than thirty (30) days.

² Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.