

ORDINANCE NO. 05-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON UPDATING REGULATIONS RELATING TO NOISE, AS CODIFIED IN COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.20, TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the city to minimize the exposure of its citizens to the physiological and psychological dangers of excessive noise and to protect, promote, and preserve the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is the express intent of the City Council to control the level of noise in a manner that promotes commerce; the use, value, and enjoyment of property; sleep and repose; and the quality of the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is demonstrated that enforcement of noise regulations is often difficult and that the current monetary penalties for noise violations do not serve as a sufficient deterrent to eliminate such violations; and

WHEREAS, it is within the authority of the City Council to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Covington and the City Council desires to adopt a new penalties for noise violations to more effectively deter such violations;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Regulation Amended. Section 8.20.030 of the Covington Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.20.030 Violation – Penalty.

(1) Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a civil fine not to exceed \$250.00 for the first offense. For second and subsequent offenses, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or ninety (90) days in jail, or both such fine and jail.

(2) Nothing contained in this chapter shall prevent the city from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance, or ordinance modified by it, is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provision of this ordinance and ordinances and/or resolutions modified by it shall remain in force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the city and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

Passed by the City Council on the 23rd day of July, 2013.



Mayor Margaret Harto

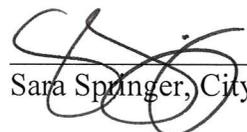
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ATTESTED:



Sharon Scott, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Sara Springer, City Attorney