

SUBJECT	ISSUED BY	EFFECTIVE DATE
<b>LOUD SPEAKER AND SOUND AMPLIFIER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>CITY COUNCIL</b>	<b>JUNE 7, 2010</b>

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Washington City Ordinances prohibit any loud and unnecessary noise or sound within the city limits. The music must be restricted to no later than 11:00pm. The purpose is, of course, to be considerate of, and to prohibit disturbing noise to your neighbors.

In connection with the noise levels, all speakers must be turned or directed toward your house, and/or stage area, away from the surrounding residential areas. The volume must be turned down to a level that will entertain your guests, but will not be an intrusion or disturbing to your neighbors. In the event of a complaint, the volume must be turned down at the request of any police officer responding to a “reasonable” complaint. The Washington County Sheriff’s Department will verify the reasonableness of any complaint prior to making any such request.

We urge you to take whatever precautions are necessary to assure that no one under the age of twenty one (21) years of age is allowed intoxicating beverages, regardless of the source of that beverage. Although not directly related to the amplification of music, this concern, if not observed, will result in violations of other city and state laws.

Other steps you must take include:

1. Alerting your neighbors of your party, urging them to contact you should they have complaints.
2. Prohibit anyone from taking intoxicating beverages off your premises.
3. Take reasonable measures to prevent anyone intoxicated or otherwise impaired from driving home from your party, i.e., room or transportation.
4. Maintain activities within the specified location property lines.
5. Prohibit the use of any profanity, anti-police, or riotous behaviors by entertainers, attendees, and all involved in the event.
6. Provide proper restroom facilities that will accommodate your expected number of attendees.
7. Monitor the area/neighborhood during the event and pick up trash.
8. Have all trash, etc. cleaned up by 10:00am the following morning.

Attendance to the stipulations outlined herein will not only assure compliance with the laws and ordinances, but will allow for a reasonable community environment in which everyone can enjoy their rights and chosen activities.

We have delegated the Washington County Sheriff the authority to immediately revoke a noise permit during the event should verified complaints of ordinance violations, or,

should an uncooperative attitude develop in working with the police in instances of complaint investigations, etc.

We sincerely hope you have a good time and at the same time, be reasonable and responsible in recognizing and honoring the rights of others in your area.

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Harold H. Jones, Jr., Mayor