

CITY OF BELLEVUE

ORDINANCE 2026-06-04

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 94.01 OF THE BELLEVUE
CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO NOISE CONTROL.**

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has previously adopted a Noise Control Ordinance, 94.01; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has found it necessary for the good of the community, the health and welfare of its residents, and to prevent nuisances caused by noise from the playing of music and/or musical instruments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue wishes to make the Ordinance clearer and more concise, so as to make enforcement thereof more straightforward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

Chapter 94.01 of the Bellevue Code of Ordinances incorporated by reference is amended as follows:

94.01 UNUSUAL AND LOUD NOISE PROHIBITED.

(B) The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud and disturbing noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

(1) The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, or other vehicle, except as a danger signal, so as to create any unreasonably loud or harsh sound, or the sounding of such device for an unreasonable period of time, or the use of any gong or siren upon any vehicle, other than police, fire or other emergency vehicle.

(2) The playing of any radio, phonograph, electronic device, machine, or other musical instrument, singing, shouting and crowd noises in such a manner or with such volume and for such a sustained time, particularly during the hours between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. as to annoy a reasonable person or normal sensitivities or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room, vehicle, immediate vicinity, or chamber in which such the sound is being made and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The operation of any such radio, phonograph, electronic device, machine, or other musical instrument, singing, shouting and crowd noises between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of ten (10) feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which it is located; or twenty-five (25) feet from the source of the noise if not located within a building, structure or vehicle shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section, ~~and under no circumstances shall any noise created hereunder exceed fifty (50) decibels during said time period.~~ The operation of any such radio, phonograph, electronic device, machine, or other musical instrument at other hours in such a manner as to be

plainly audible at a distance of seventy-five (75) feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which it is located or one hundred fifty (150) feet from the source of the noise if not located within a building, structure or vehicle shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section; ~~and under no circumstances shall any noise created as defined herein exceed seventy five (75) decibels.~~

(C) Outdoor live music is allowed, subject to zoning restrictions, if any, ~~and to the sound/decibel limitations of division (B) herein,~~ between noon and 8:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and between noon and 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Excepted from this provision are school events (e.g. football games, events with permits obtained from the city, the city's summer concert series, and other events as from time to time are permitted by city). No offsite, live music shall be permitted except as specifically permitted by city.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage, approval and publication according to law.

Adopted this ____ day of June, 2026

ATTEST:

Charlie Cleves, Mayor

Lindy Jenkins, City Clerk

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Publication: