

ORDINANCE #65700
Board Bill No. 110

An ordinance pertaining to noise; amending Section One of Ordinance 50038, approved on June 24, 1960, by adding a new paragraph regarding the operation of any radio, phonograph, loud speaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound within the area bounded by the Martin Luther King Bridge on the north, the Eads Bridge on the south, the Mississippi River on the east and Memorial Drive on the west between the hours of 12 midnight and seven a.m. every Tuesday through Friday and between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. every Saturday, Sunday and Monday and containing an emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. Section One of Ordinance 50038, as codified in Section 15.50.030 of the Revised Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.50.030 Radios, phonographs and sound equipment.

- A. No person shall use, operate, or permit to be used or operated any radio, phonograph, loud speaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of the neighboring inhabitants. Nor shall any person use, operate, or permit to be used or operated a radio, phonograph, loud speaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient, normal hearing for the person or persons who are in the room, vehicle or chamber in which the machine or device is being used or operated and who are voluntary listeners.
- B. The operation of any radio, phonograph, loud speaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound between the hours of eleven p.m. and seven a.m. in a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of more than one hundred feet from such machine or device shall be excessive and shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
- C. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph B of this ordinance, the operation of any radio, phonograph, loud speaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound within the area bounded by the Martin Luther King Bridge on the north, the Eads Bridge on the south, the Mississippi River on the east and Memorial Drive on the west between the hours of 12 midnight and seven a.m. every Tuesday through Friday and between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. every Saturday, Sunday and Monday in a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of more than one hundred feet from the building line of the property from which such sound is emanating shall be excessive and shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION TWO Emergency clause.

This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the mayor.

Approved: December 2, 2002