

State of South Carolina }  
County of Pickens }  
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Ordinance Number 2014-07

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 “NUISANCES”, ARTICLE III “NOISE”,  
SECTIONS 13-46 “EXCESSIVE NOISE GENERALLY” AND SECTION 13-47  
“PROHIBITED ACTS” OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF  
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Whereas**, the City of Pickens reviews and amends its official code of ordinances from time to time for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Pickens finds it necessary to amend the Official code in order to modernize the language and allow for later special events to more accurately reflect current practice;

**Now Therefore**, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Pickens, South Carolina that:

**Section 1**

All prior related ordinances are repealed and the following ordinance is adopted in its entirety, effective after the final readings, and shall continue in effect as hereafter amended. Repeal Section 13-46 “Excessive Noise Generally”, Section 13-47 “Prohibited Acts”, and replace completely with the following:

**Section 2**

**Section. 13-46. - Excessive noise generally.**

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to continuously make, or cause to be made or continued any excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noise or any noise which annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the city limits between the hours of 10:00 pm and 8:00 am. Special events or holiday events held within the city may be granted extended hours till 11:00 pm.

**Section 3**

**Section 13-47 Prohibited Acts**

- A. *Permitting of sound amplification/musical instruments for special events.* The permitting of sound amplification/musical instruments for special community events will be allowed under the following circumstances:
1. The event will be sponsored by a civic organization;
  2. The event will be nonprofit in nature and for the general good of the community.

3. The sponsoring civic organization will apply to the city council for a permit to operate sound amplification for a specific event, giving time, place, purpose, and type of amplification.
  4. The city council will approve, by a majority vote, the permit for the special community event for any event lasting longer than 4 hours and/or requiring a road closure;
  5. Special event permits may be obtained at City Hall
- B. *Construction or repair of buildings.* The erection, including excavation, demolition, alteration or repair, of any building, other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, except in case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the Zoning Administrator, which permit may be granted for a period not to exceed three (3) days or less while the emergency continues and which permit may be renewed for periods of three (3) days or less while the emergency continues. If the Zoning Administrator should determine that the public health and safety will not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., and if he shall further determine that no loss or inconvenience would result to any party in interest, he may grant permission for such work to be done within such hours, upon application being made at the time the permit for the work is awarded or during the progress of the work.
- C. *Automotive repairs or operational defects in vehicles.* The continuous discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motorboat or motor vehicle which causes loud or explosive noises therefrom.

Attested:

First Reading                      July 7, 2014

Second Reading                      August 4, 2014

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Mayor David Owens

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Interim City Administrator, Bruce Evilsizor