

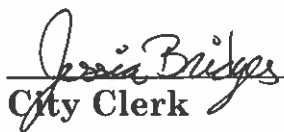
City of St. Charles, Illinois

Ordinance No.:
2026-M-10

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.24 – Noise
of the St. Charles Municipal Code**

**Adopted by the
City Council
of the
City of St. Charles
April 20, 2026**

Published in pamphlet form by
authority of the City Council
of the City of St. Charles,
Kane and Du Page Counties,
Illinois, April 27, 2026.


City Clerk



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BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That Chapter 9.24.120 “Noise-Generating Activity Prohibited-Penalty”, of the St. Charles Municipal Code, be and is hereby amended to have a fine structure as follows:

Description of Violation	Minimum Fine Amount
First violation in any 365-day period	\$100.00
Second violation in any 365-day period	200.00
Third and each subsequent violation in any 365-day period: mandatory appearance before the City’s administrative adjudication hearing officer; upon a finding of liability, a fine of not less than \$300.00 and not more than \$750.00.	300.00- 750.00

A. For purposes of applying the tiered fine schedule above, a “violation” means a prior finding of liability, guilty disposition, or judgment entered under this Chapter 9.24 within the preceding 365 days.

SECTION TWO: That Chapter 9.24.130 “General prohibition of unreasonable noise”, of the St. Charles Municipal Code, be and is hereby amended as follows:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, cause, or knowingly permit any noise that is unreasonably loud, raucous, excessive, or that unreasonably disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of reasonable persons of ordinary sensitivity within the City.

B. In determining whether a noise is unreasonably loud, raucous, or excessive, the following factors may be considered, among others:

1. Whether the noise is clearly audible at a location identified in Section 9.24.040;
2. The time of day or night the noise occurs;
3. The duration of the noise;
4. Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant;

5. The nature and zoning of the area from which the noise emanates and the area where it is received;
6. The proximity of the noise to residential dwelling units or other sleeping areas; and
7. Whether the noise is electronically amplified.

C. For amplified sound from indoor sources on residential property, a noise that is clearly audible at the property line of a single-family dwelling, or at the perimeter of the dwelling unit of a multiple-family dwelling, may constitute prima facie evidence of a violation of this Section.

D. The standards and restrictions set forth in Sections 9.24.060 through 9.24.090 are in addition to, and not in limitation of, the general prohibition contained in this Section.

SECTION THREE: That Chapter 9.24.140 “Presumption of accountability”, of the St. Charles Municipal Code, be and is hereby amended as follows:

The occupant or the agent of the occupant of the property, who shall knowingly permit another person to create a noise or conduct an activity in violation of this chapter, shall be deemed responsible for the noise or activity to the same extent as the person creating the noise or conducting the activity and shall be subject to the same penalty.

Any person in charge of operating, ordering, directing or allowing the operation or maintenance of the motor vehicle, device, or machine creating a noise-generating activity as prohibited in this chapter, shall be deemed guilty of violating this chapter.

SECTION FOUR: That Chapter 9.24.150 “Legal remedies not impaired”, of the St. Charles Municipal Code, be and is hereby amended as follows:

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to impair, in any way, any cause of action or other legal or equitable remedy therefore of any person or the public for injury or damage arising from the emission or release into the atmosphere or ground from any source whatever of noise or earthshaking vibration in such place or manner or at such levels, so as to constitute a common law nuisance.

SECTION FIVE: That after the adoption and approval hereof this Ordinance shall (i) be printed or published in book or pamphlet form, published by the authority of the Council, or (ii) within thirty (30) days after the adoption and approval hereof, be published in a newspaper published in and with a general circulation within the City of St. Charles.

SECTION SIX: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days from and after its passage by a vote of the majority of the corporate authorities now holding office, approval and publication in the manner provided by law.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the city of St. Charles, Illinois, this 20th day of April, 2026.

PASSED by the City Council of the city of St. Charles, Illinois, this 20th day of April, 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the city of St. Charles, Illinois, this 20th day of April, 2026.



Clint Hull, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk



COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes: 10

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

State of Illinois)
) ss.
Counties of Kane and DuPage)

Certificate

I, JESSICA BRIDGES, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal City Clerk of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

I further certify that on **April 20, 2026**, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved **Ordinance No. 2026-M-10** entitled:

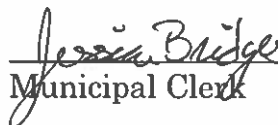
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which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of **Ordinance No. 2026-M-10**, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on **April 20, 2026**, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the municipal clerk.

DATED at St. Charles, Illinois, this 20th day of April 2026.




Municipal Clerk