

VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, OHIO

Ordinance 953

AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES
IN THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds and declares that noise that exceeds the limits provided for within the ordinance is a major source of environmental pollution that represents a threat to the serenity and quality of life in Pleasant Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that adopting a noise ordinance is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Pleasant Hill; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the council of the Village of Pleasant Hill, a majority of the members elected or appointed thereto concurring.

SECTION ONE: Unreasonable Noise. No person shall generate or permit to be generated in or on a motor vehicle unreasonable noise or loud sound by means of a radio, tape player, compact disc player, television, loudspeaker or any other sound amplifying device on a street, highway, alley, parking lot, driveway, public property or private property anywhere within the Village where the sound is audible (50) fifty feet from the device amplifying the sound.

SECTION TWO: Exemptions. Warning and alarm devices, which have the purpose of signaling unsafe or dangerous situations or calling the police, or warning devices on emergency and public safety vehicles, shall be exempt from the prohibitions of this section when such devices are used for such purposes.

SECTION THREE: Penalty. Whoever violates Section One hereof, is guilty of generating unreasonable noise, a minor misdemeanor. If the offender persists in generating, or permitting to be generated unreasonable noise after a reasonable warning or request to desist, then generating unreasonable noise is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Upon a conviction of a second violation or subsequent violation of this section, both the sound equipment and any motor vehicle involved shall be deemed to be contraband and subject to seizure and forfeiture under Ohio Revised Code 2933.41 through 2933.43, unless and until the offender has removed the sound equipment from the motor vehicle within fifteen (15) days of said conviction, in which event the motor vehicle shall be returned to the offender and the sound equipment shall remain subject to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 2933.41 through 2933.43.

SECTION FOUR: This ordinance shall take affect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

Approved as to form:

Paul Wagner, Solicitor

Gary Johnston, Mayor

Mary Stanforth, Clerk-Treasurer

Georgiana Weaver, President of Council

Passed December 3, 2001

This is to certify that this Ordinance in the form above, was posted in five (5) Public posting places within the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio for a period of fifteen (15) days after the passage of said Ordinance by the Council of the village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio.