

NOISE CODE COMPLAINT FORM



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For use in reporting an alleged violation of the Noise Code Chapter 8.24

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Received:

Washington County Code Chapter 8.24.030 states that it is unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued, any noise, which unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of any person of normal sensitivity in a noise sensitive unit (dwelling). This prohibition generally applies between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and all day on Sunday.

The standard which shall be utilized in determining whether a violation of the provisions of this chapter exists shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. the volume of noise;
- b. the intensity of the noise;
- c. whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual;
- d. whether the origin of the noise is natural or unnatural;
- e. the volume and intensity of the background noise, if any;
- f. whether the noise is plainly audible within a noise sensitive unit;
- g. the nature and zoning of the area within which the noise emanates;
- h. the density of the inhabitation of the area within which the noise emanates;
- i. the time of day or night the noise occurs;
- j. the duration of the noise;
- k. whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant.

Exemptions

There are specific types of noises specifically exempted from the County Code and are outlined in Chapter 8.24.020. Generally, the noise ordinance does not apply to: **forestry, farming practices, organized athletic activities, sounds caused by emergency or emergency equipment, sounds caused by regular vehicular traffic on public streets**, sounds regulated by federal and state law, including **sounds caused by railroads and aircraft, sounds from lawn, garden or household equipment** associated with the normal repair or upkeep of property between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

If you think you are being, or have been subject to, noise that violates this standard, please provide the following information and submit this complaint to Washington County Solid Waste for review and response.

Please answer as many of the following questions as possible. Be as specific and complete as you can.

A. What is the LEGAL address of the property where the violation is occurring?

_____ *address number*

_____ *street name*

_____ *city*

B. Nearest cross street or landmark: _____

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C. What is your name and address? _____

name

address number

street name

city

state

zip

daytime phone

Email address: _____

D. Describe the alleged noise violation. Describe what is causing the noise, the volume and intensity of the noise, the time of day the noise occurs and its duration: _____

E. Who is the person or persons causing the noise? (if known) _____

F. Is the noise audible from within your home? Yes No

I understand that the contents of this complaint become(s) a matter of public record and may be disclosed to the public unless disclosure is prohibited by State or Federal Law. Washington County will not release this record if the complainant submitted the information on the condition that it would be kept confidential, unless required to release this record by order of the District Attorney or the court.

Yes No This information was submitted on the condition that it would be kept confidential.

Under Oregon Public Records Law, in circumstances that may affect personal safety, an individual may request in writing that a public body not disclose home address, telephone number or personal email address information.

Yes No I hereby request that my home address, telephone number or personal email address not be disclosed in order to protect my personal safety.

By submission of this complaint, I hereby acknowledge that I have read the information contained herein related to public records and agree with the terms and conditions of these requirements.

Yes No

Public Records Laws: ORS 192.420 Right to inspect public records. Every person has a right to inspect any public record of a public body in this state, except as otherwise expressly provided by ORS 192.501 to 192.505.

As outlined in ORS 192.501(3), disclosure of public record information may be delayed only if the nature of the investigation is criminal.

This public record may be exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.502(4) if:

- 1) The informant has submitted the information on the conditions that it would be kept confidential;
- 2) The informant has not been required by law to provide the information;
- 3) The information itself is of a nature that reasonably should be kept confidential;
- 4) The public body has shown that it has obliged itself in good faith not to disclose the information; and
- 5) Disclosure of the information will cause harm to the public interest.