

Noisy and Loud Assemblies



Protect Yourself From Problems Related to Noise

A business is responsible to ensure that the behavior of its patrons does not disrupt the peace of its neighbors. There is nothing that makes for a bad neighbor situation more than having complaints about noise, litter, public urination, loud music, and not responding with an action plan to avoid the problem in the future.

Minneapolis Code of Ordinances (MCO) Chapter 389 enforces noise issues in four main areas: amplified sound, state standards, city standards, and unruly assemblies. Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7030 and A Guide to Noise Control in Minnesota are part of Chapter 389. MCO Chapter 259.250 outlines the duties of a license holder of an establishment to comply with minimum standards.

Outdoor Areas

Any sound measured outside that is 5 decibels or more above ambient noise levels is in violation of city code. Noise that can be heard 100 feet away is a violation of ordinance. 100 feet is about two lots away.

Amplified sound, with an appropriate permit, is allowed at 15 decibels. That means sound is permitted to be heard about a block away.

What Can You Do?

If you notice that the sound at your property is getting loud and likely to be too loud for neighbors, there are several things you can do:

- If there is a noisy person on the patio, ask him/her to move inside.
- Close any open windows and doors.
- See if you can aim the speakers in a different direction.
- Play a different type of music.

What Happens if You Are in Violation?

1. In certain circumstances, administrative citations can be issued on the first violation!
2. Expect a letter, telephone call or visit from a License Inspector describing the complaint or violation.
3. Take this notice seriously. Call your Inspector for information or solutions.
4. Failure to comply with violation orders may result in citations, fines, suspensions, and revocation of your license to operate.

A complete set of requirements may be found in the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances (MCO):

<http://www.minneapolismn/ordinances>

For more information in other languages:

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