

ORDINANCE NO. 99-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF CORNERSVILLE, TENNESSEE SECTION 15-116 RELATIVE TO REGULATION OF UNNECESSARY NOISE

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Cornersville, Tennessee, recognize that excessive loud noise may disrupt the peaceful environment of its citizens and can present a safety hazard to residents and the motoring public of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CORNERSVILLE, TENNESSEE;

That the Municipal Code of the Town of Cornersville, Tennessee, Section 15-116, "Causing unnecessary noise", be amended by adding thereto an "(a)" in first line after "noise" and before "No person", and the following:

"(b) No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street, highway, alley, parking lot, or driveway, whether public or private property, shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from within the vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of fifty (50) or more feet from the vehicle.

(c) Sound amplification system means any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loud speaker, or other electronic device used for the amplification of sound.

(d) Plainly audible means any sound produced by a sound amplification system from within the vehicle, which clearly can be heard at a distance of fifty (50) or more feet. Measurement standards shall be by the auditory senses, based on direct line of sight. Words or phrases need not be discernible and bass reverberations are included. The motor vehicle may be stopped, standing, parked, or moving on a street, highway, alley, parking lot, or driveway on either public or private property.

(e) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this subsection that the operator was not otherwise prohibited by law from operating the sound amplification system, and that any of the following apply;

(i) The system was being operated to request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn of a hazardous road condition;

(ii) The vehicle was an emergency or public safety vehicle;

(iii) The vehicle was owned and operated by the Town of Cornersville or a gas, electric, communications, or refuse company; or

(iv) The system or vehicle was used in authorized public activities, such as parades, fireworks, sports events, musical productions, or any other activities which have the approval of the Board or a department of the Town authorized to grant such approval.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by the Town Charter.

Passed first reading this 5 day of August, 1999.

Laye Price Wilson
MAYOR

E. B. J.
RECORDER

Passed second reading this 2 day of September, 1999.

Laye Price Wilson
MAYOR

E. B. J.
RECORDER

Passed third reading this 7 day of Oct, 1999.

Laye Price Wilson
MAYOR

E. B. J.
RECORDER