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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2443

AN ORDINANCE relating to sound amplification, establishing an exemption for special civic events and amending Section 9.14.070 of the Bellevue City Code.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Bellevue City Code Section 9.14.070 and Ordinance No. 51 Section 7 are hereby amended to read as follows:

9.14.070 Limitations and conditions on use.

- A. No person shall operate or cause to be operated within the City any sound amplification equipment, the sound of which is plainly audible to persons on the streets or public grounds of the City, for any purpose except as set forth in Section 9.14.080 of this chapter; provided that this section does not apply to a special civic event which is defined as an event open to all members of the general public without charge, held for a civic, non-commercial purpose, as distinguished from purposes prohibited in Sections 9.14.030 and 9.14.040, officially sanctioned by the Manager or the designee, and located and scheduled in such a manner as not to create a public nuisance and not to endanger the public safety, health or welfare.
- B. The operation of sound amplification equipment shall be subject to the following regulations:
 - 1. Operation is forbidden on Sundays and legal holidays and between hours of five p.m. and eight a.m., except as an integral part of an authorized parade;
 - 2. The sound truck shall be operated at a speed of at least ten miles per hour, except when said truck is stopped or impeded by traffic, in which case the sound amplification equipment shall not be operated for longer than one minute at each stop;
 - 3. The sound truck shall not be operated over the same street or portion of any public grounds more than three minutes in any one day;

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4. The volume of sound from a sound truck shall be controlled so that it will not be audible for a distance in excess of one hundred yards from the sound truck and so that said volume is not unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring, disturbing or a nuisance to persons of normal sensibilities, within the area of audibility;
5. The equipment shall not be operated so as to be audible in any portion of a hospital or rest home, or other place prescribed by the chief of police where, in his discretion, he believes that such sound would be detrimental to the health, welfare or morals of any person or class of persons within the city.

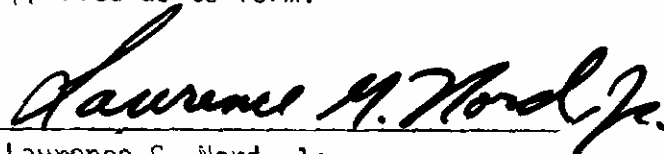
Section 2. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety and shall be effective upon adoption by unanimous vote of the City Council.

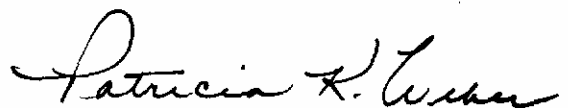
PASSED by unanimous vote of the City Council this 27 day of June, 1977, and signed in authentication of its passage this 27 day of June, 1977.

(SEAL)


M. F. Vanik, Mayor

Approved as to form:


Laurence G. Nord, Jr.
Assistant City Attorney
Attest:


Patricia K. Weber, City Clerk

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