

Traverse City Noise and Firework Ordinance Summary

Fireworks

Prohibition on use of consumer fireworks. No person shall ignite, discharge or use Consumer Fireworks within the city, except this prohibition shall not preclude any person from igniting, discharging and using Consumer Fireworks on the following days after 11:00 a.m.:

- (1) December 31 until 1:00 a.m. on January 1;
- (2) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days;
- (3) June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days;
- (4) July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.;
- (5) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

Noise Control

652.04 - Prohibitions.

- (a) *Generally.* No person shall unreasonably make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any noise disturbance.
- (b) *Radios, musical instruments and similar devices.* No person shall operate or play, or permit the operation or playing of, any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier or similar device which produces, reproduces or amplifies sound in such a manner as to:
 - (1) Create a noise disturbance on public property or streets, across a real property boundary, or within a noise sensitive zone. If such a device is plainly audible on the property of another or within a building other than that within which the device is located, and if a complaint is made to the Noise Control Officer regarding annoyance or disturbance as a result of such device, this shall serve as prima-facie evidence of a violation.
 - (2) Create a noise disturbance when operated in or on a motor vehicle on a public right of way, public space or space open to the general public, or in a boat on public waters. If such a device is plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet in any direction, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or 100 feet in any direction between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., this shall serve as prima facie evidence of a violation.
- (c) *Loudspeakers.* No person shall use or operate for any noncommercial purpose any loudspeaker, public address system or similar device between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day so that the sound there from creates a noise disturbance across a residential area or multi-family area boundary or within a noise sensitive zone. No person shall use or operate for any commercial purpose any loudspeaker, public address system or similar device so that the sound there from creates a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or within a noise sensitive zone, or between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day on a public right of way or public space.
- (d) *Sound amplifiers.* No person shall operate any sound amplifying device for the purpose of advertising announcing an event, or attracting the attention of the public. However, a school, governmental unit, or bona fide nonprofit organization may secure a permit from the Noise Control Officer to use such a device. No permit will be granted for such use on a Sunday or at any other time or duration or under any other conditions which, in the opinion of the Noise Control Officer will constitute a nuisance.