

Vehicle Noise  
Fort Lauderdale City  
Commission  
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# Florida Statutes Governing Vehicle Noise

- FS 403.415 – “Florida Motor Vehicle Noise Prevention and Control Act of 1974”
- Intent of FS 403.415 is to implement the state constitutional mandate of s. 7, Art. II of the State Constitution to improve the quality of life in the state by limiting the noise of new motor vehicles sold in the state and the noise of motor vehicles used on the highways of the state.

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- FS 403.415 – “Florida Motor Vehicle Noise Prevention and Control Act of 1974”
- Enactment of local ordinances limited unless expressly authorized.

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- FS 316.3045 – Operation of radios or other mechanical or electronic soundmaking devices or instruments in vehicles
  - (1) A person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street or highway may not operate or amplify the sound produced by a radio, tape player, compact disk player, etc., which sound emanates from the motor vehicle, so that the sound is:
    - (a) plainly audible at a distance of 25 feet or more from the motor vehicle; or
    - (b) louder than necessary for the convenient hearing by person inside the vehicle in areas adjoining private residences, churches, schools, or hospitals.

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- FS 316.3045, continued

(4) This section does not prohibit a local authority from lawfully imposing more stringent regulations on sound produced by a radio or other mechanical or electronic soundmaking device or instrument as described in subsection (1), which sound emanates from a motor vehicle.

# Fort Lauderdale Vehicle Noise Restrictions



- Section 17-7
  - (1) Amplified sound – No person shall cause, allow, or permit the operation of any amplified sound device from the following use districts or locations in the following manner:
    - (b) Rights-of-way. Sound shall not be plainly audible at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet or more from a motor vehicle or any other sound source.



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- Section 17-7
  - 9. Motor vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds and motorized scooters. No person shall cause a rapid throttle advance (revving) or any internal combustion engine resulting in a noise disturbance.

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- 17-8 Exemptions
  - 8. Motor vehicles, mopeds, or motorized scooters and muffled in accordance with state law.



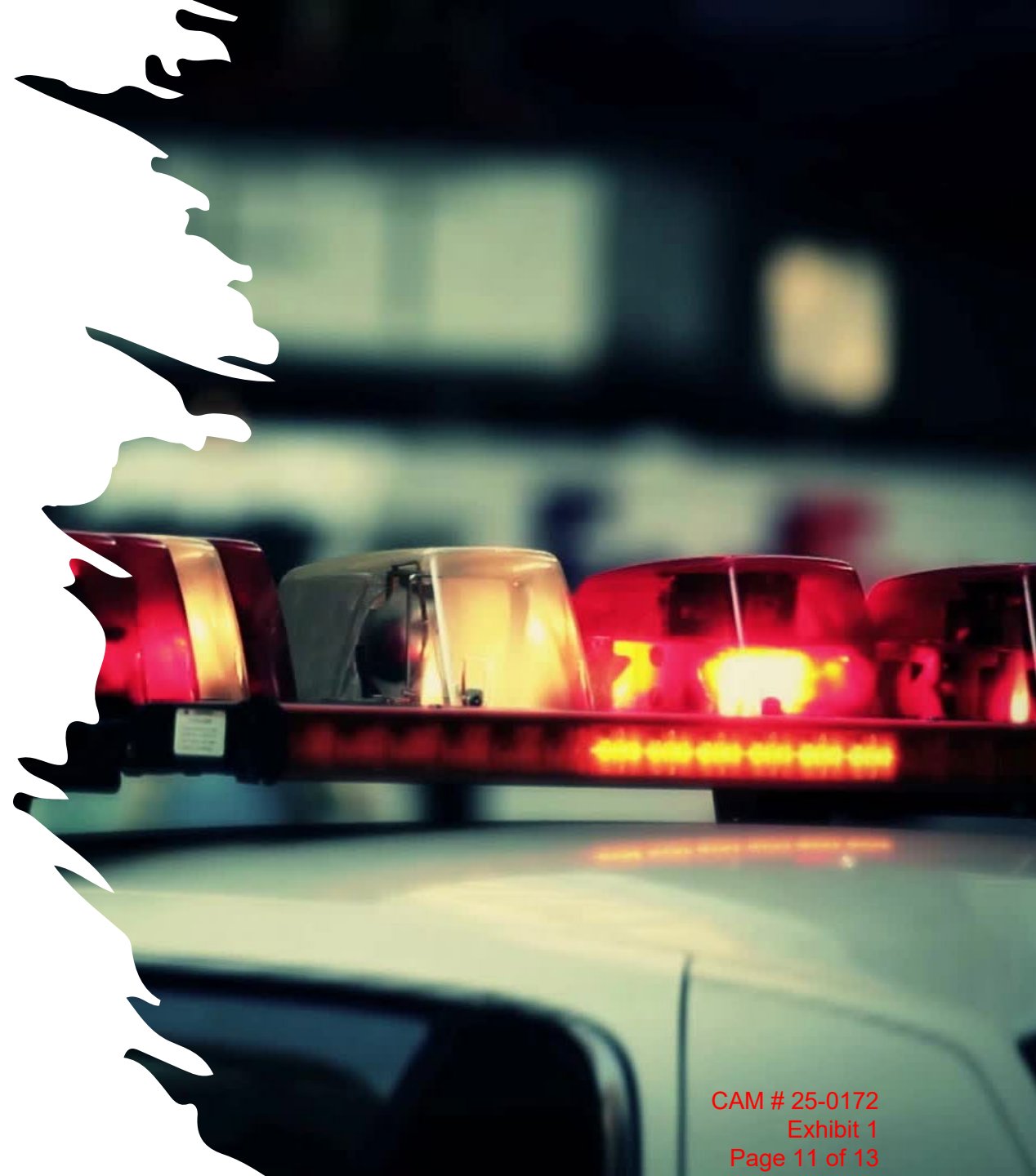


Vehicle Noise Ordinance Survey		
Municipality	Vehicle Noise Limitation	Section
Atlantic Beach	Prohibition for emission of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants.	11-2
Aventura	Prohibition for emission of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, <u>quiet</u> and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person(s) in the motor vehicle. At certain hours (overnight) prima facie evidence of violation at 100 feet.	30-33
Biscayne Park	Prohibition for emission of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, <u>quiet</u> and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person(s) in the motor vehicle. At certain hours (overnight) prima facie evidence of violation at 100 feet.	10-1
Cocoa Beach	Prohibition for emission of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, <u>quiet</u> and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person(s) in the motor vehicle. At certain hours (overnight) prima facie evidence of violation at 100 feet.	15-23
Dania Beach	30 feet from sound source	17-83
Davie	50 feet from sound source	15-7
Hillsborough County	50 feet from sound source	36-484
Hollywood	30 feet from sound source	100.04
North Bay Village	No person shall play loud music or create loud noise, except during authorized functions.	97.07
Ocean Ridge	50 feet from sound source	34-78
Ocoee	Prohibition for emission of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, <u>quiet</u> and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person(s) in the motor vehicle. At certain hours (overnight) prima facie evidence of violation at "plainly audible beyond the control of the person operating such device."	113-6
Pompano Beach	Prohibition for emission of sound in a manner which annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the peace, health, comfort or a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities or at any time with greater sound intensity than necessary for convenient hearing of persons who are in the vehicle.	97.60
Port St. Lucie	25 feet from sound source	94.06
Redington Beach	50 feet from sound source	12-81
Sanibel	Prohibition for emission of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, <u>quiet</u> and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient	30-63

	hearing for the person(s) in the motor vehicle. At certain hours (overnight) prima facie evidence of violation at 50 feet.	
South Miami	100 feet from sound source	15-82.1
Sunrise	25 feet from sound source	9-18
Surfside	Prohibition for emission of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, <u>quiet</u> and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person(s) in the motor vehicle. At certain hours (overnight) prima facie evidence of violation at 50 feet.	54-78
Tampa	50 feet from sound source	14-155
Treasure Island	Any unreasonable loud and raucous noise or any noise which unreasonably disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of reasonable <u>persons</u> of ordinary sensibility.	18-72
West Miami	Prohibition for emission of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, <u>quiet</u> and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person(s) in the motor vehicle. At certain hours (overnight) prima facie evidence of violation at 50 feet.	10-5
Winter Haven	Prohibition for emission of sound that is unreasonably excessive.	12-39

# Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Existing Enforcement Mechanisms

- Highly trained Motor Unit that regularly enforces FS 316.3045.
- Targeted operations during peak times (for example, Spring Break).
- High Visibility.
- Courtroom appearances.





# Recommendations to Improve Enforcement

- Additional Motor Unit officers.





QUESTIONS?