



# Agenda Item C.2 – Live Entertainment and Noise Regulations June 11, 2025

# Purpose of Agenda Item

- Discuss **challenges and opportunities** related to:
  - Live Entertainment regulations
  - Noise regulations



# What is Live Entertainment?

- Singing
- Dancing
- Karaoke
- DJ playing music
- DJ trivia
- Live performance



# What are the Rules Today?

- **ALL** indoor live entertainment activity after 11 p.m. requires a Conditional Use Permit
- Outdoor live entertainment activity stops at 10 p.m.





# Challenges with Current Regulations

- Conditional Use Permit
  - Expensive
  - Takes 3 months
  - Uncertainty
- Enforcement Issues
  - Each bar has a different set of Conditions



# Noise Regulations

- Regulations only apply if adjacent to **residentially zoned property**
  - Measures A-scale (loud)
  - Does not impact Downtown, Midtown, 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- Enforcement Issues
  - Difficult to cite where the noise is coming from



# Existing Noise Levels Vary

| Location                               | Weekend                      |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| E. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street (Nightclubs) | Night: 80 dBc<br>Day: 71 dBc |
| Midtown                                | Night: 76 dBc<br>Day: 72 dBc |
| Montage front door                     | Night: 72 dBc<br>Day: 71 dBc |

# Next Steps

- Do you want to update the live entertainment regulations?
- Do you want to create a C-scale noise regulation?
  - ✓ Public input process
  - ✓ Planning Commission recommendation





# Recommended Motion

I move to initiate a text amendment to the Reno Municipal Code Title 18 and to Title 8, subject to Council feedback.



# C-Scale Noise Restrictions

| City              | Noise Regulations |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Roseville, CA     | 70-75 dBc         |
| Atlanta, GA       | 65-100 dBc        |
| Greensboro, NC    | 65-85 dBc         |
| Knoxville, TN     | 60-80 dBc         |
| Pittsburgh, PA    | 75 dBc            |
| Chattanooga, TN   | 70-90 dBc         |
| Orlando, FL       | 60-75 dBc         |
| Austin, TX        | 85 dBc            |
| San Antonio, TX   | 80 dBc            |
| Key West, FL      | 84-94 dBc         |
| Flagler Beach, FL | 70-75 dBc         |

Noise regulations vary between **60-100 dBc**

| City              | Noise Regulations                    |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| San Francisco, CA | Can't exceed ambient noise by 8 dBc  |
| Anchorage, AK     | Can't exceed ambient noise by 3 dBc  |
| Minneapolis, MN   | Can't exceed ambient noise by 5 dBc  |
| Murfreesboro, TN  | Can't exceed ambient noise by 3 dBc  |
| Tacoma, WA        | Can't exceed ambient noise by 10 dBc |
| Killeen, TX       | Can't exceed ambient noise by 5 dBc  |
| Roswell, GA       | 60-70 dBc                            |
| Tampa, FL         | 65-87 dBc                            |

# 24 Hours Uses Permitted

