

Ordinance to Address Excessive Vehicular Noise Complaints

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Alignment with Strategic Plan



Vehicle Noise Issues

Disruptive to:

- Neighborhoods
- Other Public Spaces

Most Common Complaints:

- Loud Exhaust
- Amplified Music

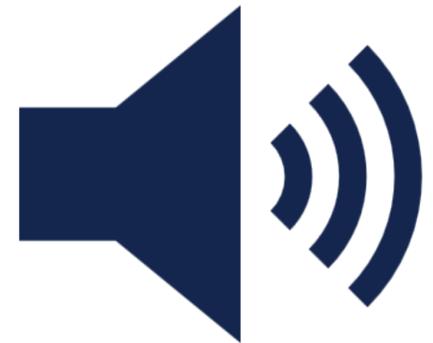
Exhaust Noise

- Modified Exhaust Requires Inspection
- Reno Municipal Code 6.06.785 and 6.06.790
 - Functional Mufflers
 - Prohibits Loud and Annoying Exhaust
 - Subjective
 - Requires Police Observation



Vehicular Music Noise

- No Specific Code
- NRS 203.010 and RMC Section 8.12.020
 - Disturbing the Peace
 - Citizen Must Sign Complaint
 - Must be Ongoing When Police Arrive



New Ordinance

- Addresses Amplified Sound from Vehicles
 - Could Include Measurable Standards
- Similar to Laws in Other Jurisdictions
 - Audible Noise: 50 Feet from Vehicle
- Police can Enforce Without a Citizen Complaint

Drawback:

- If Specific to Vehicles, Violations Will be a Civil Infraction

Recommended Motion

I move to direct staff to proceed with developing solutions based on Council feedback and bring forth a vehicular noise ordinance for introduction.