

AGENDA

Committee on Public Safety July 8, 2025 at 4:00 PM



Lansing City Hall, City Council Conference Room
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor

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Council Member Pehlivanoglu, Chairperson
Council Member Hussain, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Kost, Member

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes**
 - A. June 10, 2025
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
- 5. Presentations:**
 - B. City of Lansing Public Safety Update from the Lansing Police Department/Economic Development & Planning/City Attorney
 - Red Tag Violations
 - City Ordinance - Chapter 654 Noise
 - LPD Summer Safety Plan
 - Update on recent Gun Violence in the City
 - Overall Update on Public Safety in the City
- 6. Other**
- 7. Adjourn**

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MINUTES

Committee on Public Safety

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Pehlivanoglu called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

PRESENT

Council Member Trini Pehlivanoglu, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Kost, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Joe Neller
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP
Andy Markowich

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 27, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Markowich updated the Committee on the bowling alley demolition. They have submitted for the demolition license, and if there is an issue they will use Michigan Demolition. They have started asbestos removal and should be done by end of week. Once the license is obtained they will apply for the permit and apply with the State for removal.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

ORDINANCE – Amending Chapter 1060, Section 1060.08 to authorize the Code Official to abate nuisance

Council Member Pehlivanoglu was before the public for public hearing on June 9, 2025 with no questions or concerns.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1060, SECTION 1060.08. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Zoning Code 1250.02.08 and Michigan Public Health Code

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted this was a continued discussion based on the meeting in May. It was brought to Committee attention due to a resident who was wishing to address this for their property. Ms. Hagen- Lawrence confirmed they looked into other municipalities for similar, focused on community similar in size and density. All areas they looked at prohibited living in RV in a residential

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zoned, many speak to just the parking of, and they provided the Saginaw FAQ on prohibits. All follow the state where it has to be hooked up. Mr. Van Fossen stated the department position is a concern if Council took the approach. RV's are in the top 5 complaints for proper maintenance and storage, and permanency hook-up. If Council wanted to pursue because the City does not have "campground" zoning, and if people want to use a temporary means of housing while they fix up their home, they would refer them to a campground for proper hook ups. They would caution using 30 day temporary, it would be a lengthy complaint process on the City's side and could end up in court, and compliance be difficult for the administration. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence added that there is one community located that does allow, for a very limited scope and situation; Owosso. This is outside of density compared to the City of Lansing. In Owosso they allow occupancy on residential properties, and has to be owner or family, and inspection has to occur in 24 within arriving on property, and limited to 30 days. Committee discussed briefly about the work on clarification and FAQ found from comparable communities.

DISCUSSION – Parking Ordinance – Enforcement on Unregistered Vehicles

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted the residents that were interested in this discussion, were not able to attend today. Council Member Hussain referred to an email from the resident who voiced a concern on the policy to prove registration. Mr. Van Fossen clarified the parking team stated there was a citation for Ms. Laura Walters, and there was no current tab. The vehicle owner can contact parking office and prove, in lieu of tab, the violation could be addressed. In the specific case, there were details that might have been left out. Council Member Kost referred to the original email, the vehicle was just registered, but not actually registered at the time. If tabs need to be replaced, it is minimal cost, and this is a process with expired are more expensive. Council Member Hussain asked for this to be on the agenda because the ordinance is new, and was asking for this internal process for enforcement.

OTHER

DISCUSSION – Make Safe or Demolish(MSD) and Ingham County Tax Foreclosures

Council Member Pehlivanoglu stated this began with the Ingham County Treasurer, which was relayed that on an annual basis, there are 1-2 properties in the MSD process that are headed for tax foreclosure. The timelines between City action and MSD process, move quicker then County process in taking over for sale of tax foreclosure. Essentially there could be 1-2 properties demolished by the City where the City can not recoup funds from the County as owners. The inquire is to if there is a process where MSD process can address these types of properties. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence the question is what the option is, if there is a property that has gone through MSD and given deadline, and County states they own it and it does not need to be demolished. The City as the right to rescind and require legislative action by Council, and a suggestion is it can be done with extreme caution with danger with precedence setting, and in this case the property in question was one of the oldest on the NEAT team, but in the end Council does have options. Mr. Van Fossen noted his understanding it was 1342 Walnut, and a legacy order that was not torn down in the normal timeline. There was an environmental survey done and found Ingham County Tax foreclosure office got involved. Discussions are held with City and County for the auction packet on pending items. In the case of 1342 Maple, the Treasurer does not believe it needs to be torn down, and 2 years ago Council passed order to make safe or demolish, and EDP needs to see the charge from Council through. To OCA point, Council has the powers to consider. Discussions should begin sooner, before hearings, before making it through the process, and if so that time has passed for consideration. Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted the discussion started with the property, but opened the overall process.

Council Member Kost stated that Mr. Fox stated Maple Street, not Walnut. Council Member Pehlivanoglu stated it could have been her error. Mr. Van Fossen stated there are two, 1342 Walnut, and 308 Cesar Chavez, and Maple was pending but they did pay taxes. Council Member Hussain asked how is the County determining that it does not need to be demolished. Mr. Van Fossen stated he was not aware, but the City end is exhaustive on making a determination on demolition. Council Member Kost asked, how far out can the City go, sitting on property. When Council makes an order, and it is done, does the State law let the administration wait as long as they choose. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence did not have an answer and can look into it and get back to Committee. Council Member Kost asked when the Demolition Board meets again. Mr. Van Fossen stated the next demolition

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hearing will be Wednesday July 9th, looking to be at the neighborhood empowerment center at 5:30, and will send the draft agenda/list. Council Member Kost asked if there are commercial on the list, and Mr. Van Fossen stated he will send the draft.

DISCUSSION – 30 Oldest NEAT Properties and their Status – Economic Development & Planning Office

This topic will be on the agenda quarterly, and Mr. Van Fossen submitted a list dated 6/9/2025. As items come off, they are on, but stricken and newer ones have been added to the end. Mr. Van Fossen first spoke to the ones that have been removed, yellow is active MSD or in process as ruled by Council. They have requested access to inspect, but if not granted they get a search warrant. Council Member Kost asked about the 1342 property was put on hold, and Mr. Van Fossen stated they expected the County here, so with out that will proceed with the environmental testing. In addition the department has hired a building safety officer, and they are handling the investigation process. Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked about department staffing levels, and Mr. Van Fossen stated they hired a code enforcement internally from premise. Pending HR approval on the other two vacant code vacancies, where HR is supposed to do the job offers. There are testing currently in premise division this week, and the intention is to have a good selection. Council Member Kost referred back to the list today, and compared to the last list, 417 W. Oakland, and it was noted it is a tagging with the system. Regarding 1521 REO Road, Mr. Van Fossen stated there is history with the owner, did work and permits, but they are not allowing building safety to final the permits. Council Member Kost noted it is good to see activity, and appreciate Council being backed up.

Council Member Hussain asked about 324 Hosford that was spoken about in public comment last night. Mr. Van Fossen stated a zoning letter was sent out, and the department has been in communication with LPD and LFD with their involvement.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Submitted by: Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on



Andy Schor, Mayor

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**UNSAFE
DO NOT
ENTER**

In accordance with Chapter 1460 of the Codified Ordinances of Lansing and Section 108.1 of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), this building is deemed condemned/UNSAFE. It is a misdemeanor to occupy or allow a person or pet to occupy this structure or to deface/remove this notice. The penalties for these violations are a \$500.00 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

Pursuant to section 111.1 of the IPMC, you have the right to appeal this notice of violation. Any action taken by the City on such premises shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate.

Address

Date

Code Enforcement Officer

517-483-4361
Phone

Repairs or corrections to this property shall be made only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday unless written authorization is given by the Office of Code Enforcement.

30 Oldest NEAT Properties
Internal EDP Notes - 6/9/2025

Red Tag Date	NEAT Status	Address	EDP Comment
44/08/2005	NEAT Unsafe	1300 W MAPLE ST	Property successfully renovated and MSD order complied. All permits approved. Red Tag removed 5/29/2025.
02/09/2007	NEAT Unsafe	500 N BUTLER BLVD	City Life \$720,000 project valuation submitted. Full gut/rehab. Plan Review submitted 3/4/2025 and approved 4/10/2025. Building permits issued same day (4/10/25).
11/29/2007	NEAT Unsafe	1115 REGENT ST	Request to inspect on June 30th 4:00pm.
11/13/2008	NEAT Unsafe	603 SHEPARD ST	Assigned to BSO Permits Enforcement Officer.
03/13/2009	NEAT Unsafe	5625 KAYNORTH RD	60-day MSD ruled on 4/7/2025. 60th day occurred on 6/6/2025. Owner made significant progress, EDP evaluating for MSD compliance.
06/29/2009	NEAT EOC	649 N SYCAMORE ST	2/12/25 Red Tag removed.
11/17/2009	NEAT Unsafe	204 W CESAR E. CHAVEZ AVE	Request to inspect on June 30th 9:00am.
11/09/2010	NEAT LRU	815 PROSPECT ST	March 2025 owner provided update to Code on pending repairs. Request to inspect for June 30th 10:00am.
04/05/2011	NEAT Unsafe	417 W OAKLAND AVE	Roof permit issued on 3/07/25.
06/27/2011	NEAT Unsafe	1232 N WASHINGTON AVE	60-day MSD ruled on 3/10/2025. 60th day occurred on 5/9/2025. Environmental Survey expected June 2025. Demolition bid to occur afterwards. Demolition expected no later than August 2025.
10/22/2011	NEAT Unsafe	1521 REO RD	Permit work done, but owner refuses final inspections. Likely coordination with OCA.
10/25/2011	NEAT Unsafe	922 N WALNUT ST	
11/28/2011	NEAT Unsafe	1616 S CEDAR ST	60-day MSD ruled on 3/24/2025. 60th day occurred on 5/23/2025. Rough plumbing approved 6/9/2025. Expect full compliance.
05/08/2013	NEAT Unsafe	1223 N HIGH ST	Multiple expired permits. Referred to BSO Permits Enforcement Officer for follow
11/01/2013	NEAT Unsafe	2030 BYRNES RD	Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical permits issued in 2025. All active and receiving regular inspections.
11/14/2013	NEAT Unsafe	2806 CYNWOOD ST	Multiple expired permits. Referred to BSO Permits Enforcement Officer for follow
03/06/2014	NEAT Unsafe	1342 N WALNUT ST 1	EDP ready to complete environmental survey, but paused by Ingham County Treasurer.
07/31/2014	NEAT LRU	606 S MIFFLIN AVE	Multiple expired permits. Referred to BSO Permits Enforcement Officer for follow
08/07/2014	NEAT Unsafe	413 W OAKLAND AVE	Request to inspect on June 30th 11:00am.

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09/02/2014	NEAT Unsafe	1119 N SEYMOUR AVE	Active permit work in 2025 by owner.
09/05/2014	NEAT Unsafe	1033 MAY ST	Active permit work in 2025 by owner.
10/28/2014	NEAT Unsafe	4632 BRISTOL ST	Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical permits all finalized in last 6-months. Pending final building inspection.
01/27/2015	NEAT Unsafe	1511 N M L KING JR BLVD	Request to inspect on June 30th 12:00pm
02/04/2015	NEAT Unsafe	225 N M L KING JR BLVD 1	Active permit work in 2025 by owner.
02/20/2015	NEAT Unsafe	BALZER (33-01-05-05-202-022)	Property demolished and Red Tag removed on 5/14/25.
03/11/2015	NEAT Unsafe	3611 HOMEWOOD AVE	Request to inspect on June 30th 1:00pm.
06/26/2015	NEAT LRU	1723 OSBAND AVE	60-day MSD ruled on 4/7/2025. 60th day occurred on 6/6/2025. Environmental survey to be scheduled.
10/02/2015	NEAT Unsafe	1519 LINVAL ST	Multiple expired permits. Referred to BSO Permits Enforcement Officer for follow up.
01/13/2016	NEAT Unsafe	5938 SELFRIDGE BLVD	Request to inspect on June 30th 2:00pm.
05/02/2016	NEAT Unsafe	1816 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	Code Officer compiled Safety Letter on 4/30/2025. Red Tag removed.
08/18/2016	NEAT Unsafe	1318 CENTER ST	2025 tax foreclosure. Owned now by Ingham County Treasurer.
10/18/2016	NEAT Unsafe	405 JONES ST	Multiple expired permits. Referred to BSO Permits Enforcement Officer for follow up.
10/27/2016	NEAT Unsafe	408 MONROE ST 1	Roof permit issued and finalized. Safety re-inspection to remove Red Tag scheduled for 6/13/25.
11/09/2016	NEAT Unsafe	107 E NORTH ST 1	Active remodel plan review submitted on 6/06/2025.
12/08/2016	NEAT Unsafe	2506 BOSTON BLVD	Request to inspect on June 30th 3:00pm.
03/13/2017	NEAT Unsafe	616 LENORE AVE	Multiple expired permits. Referred to BSO Permits Enforcement Officer for follow up.

CHAPTER 654. NOISE¹

654.01. Findings of fact.

It is hereby found and declared that:

- (a) The making and creation of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises within the City is a condition which has existed for some time and the extent and volume of such noise is increasing.
- (b) The making, creation or maintenance of such excessive, unnecessary, unnatural or unusually loud noises, which are prolonged, unusual and unnatural in their time, place and use, effect and are a detriment to the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and prosperity of the residents of the City.
- (c) The necessity in the public interest for the provisions and prohibitions hereinafter contained and enacted is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination and public policy, and it is further declared that the provisions and prohibitions hereinafter contained and enacted are in pursuance of and for the purpose of securing and promoting the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and prosperity and the peace and quiet of the City and its inhabitants.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.02. Scope.

This chapter shall apply to the control of all sound originating from nonindustrial property within the City. This chapter shall not and is not intended to exclude industrial property or operations from the application of any other ordinances of the City.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.03. Definitions.

All terminology used in this chapter, not defined in this section, shall be in conformity with applicable publications of the American National Standards Institute (A.N.S.I.) or its successor body. As used in this chapter:

A-weighted sound level means the sound pressure level, in decibels, as measured on a sound level meter using the A-weighting network. The level so read is designated dBA.

Construction means any site preparation, assembly, erection, substantial repair, alteration or similar action, but excludes demolition for or of public right of ways, structures, utilities or similar property.

¹Cross reference(s)—Legislation re peace disturbances - see CHTR. Sec. 3-310; Motor vehicle horns - see TRAF. 5.80; Noise by motor vehicles - see TRAF. 5.90a, 5.92; Peace disturbances generally - see GEN. OFF. Ch. 664; Disorderly conduct in schools - see GEN. OFF. 680.02; Peace disturbances by street musicians - see B.R. & T. 864.07.

Decibel (dB) means a unit for measuring the volume of sound, equal to twenty times the logarithm to the base ten of the ratio of the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure, which is twenty micropascals.

Demolition means any dismantling, intentional destruction or removal of structures, utilities, public or private right-of-way surfaces or similar property.

Emergency means any occurrence of a set of circumstances involving actual or imminent physical trauma or property damage which demands immediate attention.

Emergency work means any work performed for the purpose of preventing or alleviating the physical trauma of property damage threatened or caused by an emergency.

Gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) means the value specified by the manufacturer as the recommended maximum loaded weight of a single motor vehicle. In cases where trailers and tractors are separable, the gross combination weight rating (GCWR), which is the value specified by the manufacturer as the recommended maximum loaded weight of the combination vehicle, shall be used.

Industrial property means land, land improvements, buildings, structures, other real property and machinery, equipment and fixtures, or any part thereof, whether completed or in the process of construction, comprising an integrated whole, the primary purpose and use of which is the manufacture of goods or materials or the processing of goods and materials by physical or chemical change, and includes agricultural processing facilities. "Industrial property" includes facilities related to the manufacturing operation and under the same ownership or control, provided that such property is contiguous to the manufacturing operation. Such property shall include, but not be limited to, office, engineering research and development, warehousing or parts distribution facilities.

Manufacture of goods or materials or processing of goods or materials means any type of operation that would be controlled by an entity included in the classifications provided by Division D, Manufacturing, of the Standard Classification Manual of 1972, published by the United States Office of Management and Budget, regardless of whether or not the entity conducting such an operation is included therein.

Motor carrier vehicle engaged means any vehicle for which regulations apply pursuant to Section 18 of the Federal Noise Control Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-574), as amended, pertaining to motor carriers engaged in interstate commerce.

Motor vehicle means any vehicle which is propelled or drawn on land by a motor, such as, but not limited to, passenger cars, trucks, truck-trailers, campers, go-carts, snowmobiles, amphibious craft on land, dune buggies, all-terrain vehicles or racing vehicles, but not including motorcycles.

Motorcycle means an unenclosed motor vehicle having a saddle or seat for the use of the operator and two or three wheels in contact with the ground, including, but not limited to, motor scooters, minibikes and motor propelled bicycles.

Muffler or sound dissipative device means a device for abating the sound of escaping gases of an internal combustion engine.

Noise means any sound which annoys or disturbs humans or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans.

Noise disturbance means any sound which endangers or injures the safety or health of humans or animals, annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities or endangers or injures personal or real property.

Noise sensitive zone means any area where a school, hospital, house of worship, day care center, nursing home, public library, senior citizen center, residence or court is located, or an area of potential noise disturbance.

Person means any individual, association, partnership or corporation and includes any officer, employee, department, agency or instrumentality of a state or any political subdivision of a state.

Public right-of-way means any street, avenue, boulevard, highway, sidewalk, path, alley or similar place which is owned or controlled by a governmental entity.

Public space means any real property or structures thereon which are owned or controlled by a governmental entity.

Real property means an imaginary line along the ground surface, and its vertical extension, which line separates the real property owned by one person from that owned by another person, but not including intra-building real property divisions.

Recreational motor vehicle means any motor vehicle or motorcycle which is intended for recreational use or which is being used for recreational purposes, except snowmobiles. Recreational purposes include utilization of such a motor vehicle or motorcycle in competitive events even if engaged in professionally or for compensation.

Residential area means any area designated as an A, A-1, B, C, DM-1, DM-2, DM-3 or DM-4 Zoning District, pursuant to the Zoning Code or upon any plan or district map promulgated thereunder.

RMS sound pressure means the square root of the time averaged square of the sound pressure, denoted PRMS.

Sound means an oscillation in pressure, particle displacement, particle velocity or other physical parameter, in a medium with internal forces that causes compression and rarefaction of that medium. The description of sound may include any characteristic of such sound, including duration, intensity and frequency.

Sound level means the weighted sound pressure level obtained by the use of a sound level meter and frequency weighting network, such as A, B or C, as specified in American National Standards Institute Specifications For Sound Level Meters (A.N.S.I. SI.4-1971), or the latest approved revision thereof. If the frequency weighting employed is not indicated, the A-weighting shall apply.

Sound level meter means an instrument which includes a microphone, amplifier, RMS detector, integrator or time average, output meter and weighting networks used to measure sound pressure levels.

Sound pressure means the instantaneous difference between the actual pressure and the average or barometric pressure at a given point in space, as produced by sound energy.

Sound pressure level means twenty times the logarithm to the base ten of the ratio of the RMS sound pressure to the reference pressure of twenty micropascals. The sound pressure level is denoted Lp or SPL and is expressed in decibels.

Weekday means any day, Monday through Friday, which is not a legal holiday.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.04. Duties and responsibilities of departments.

All departments and agencies of the City shall, to the fullest extent consistent with other law, carry out their programs in such a manner as to further the policy of this chapter.

In the case of motor vehicle enforcement, the Police Department shall be the primary enforcement agency.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.05. Motor vehicles.

- (a) *On Public Right of Ways.* No person shall operate or cause to be operated a public or private motor vehicle or motorcycle on a public right of way at any time in such a manner that the sound level emitted by the motor vehicle or motorcycle exceeds the level set forth in the following table:

Sound Level in dBA (measured at 50 feet or 15 meters)

	Speed Limit 35 mph or less	Speed Limit over 35 mph	Stationary run-up
Motor carrier vehicle engaged in interstate commerce of GVWR or GCWR of 8,500 lbs. or more	86	90	88
All other motor vehicles of GVWR or GCWR of 8,500 lbs. or more	86	90	—
Any motorcycle	82	86	—
Any other motor vehicle or any combination of vehicles towed	76	82	—

- (b) *Standing Vehicles.* No person shall operate or permit the operation of any motor vehicle, motorcycle or auxiliary equipment attached to such a vehicle for longer than five minutes in any hour while the vehicle is stationary, for reasons other than traffic congestion, on a public right of way or public space within 150 feet (forty-six meters) of a residential area or designated noise sensitive zone, between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. of the following day.
- (c) *Recreational Vehicles Operating Off Public Right of Ways.*

- (1) Except as permitted in paragraph (c)(2) hereof, no person shall operate or cause to be operated any recreational motor vehicle or motorcycle off a public right of way in such a manner that the sound level emitted therefrom exceeds the limits set forth in the following table at a distance of fifty feet (fifteen meters) or more from the path of the vehicle when operated in a public space or at or across the boundary of private property when operated on private property. This subsection shall apply to all recreational motor vehicles, whether or not duly licensed and registered.

Vehicle Type	Sound Level, dBA
Motorcycle	Unit manufactured before 1975, 86 dBA
	Unit manufactured after 1975, 84 dBA
Any other vehicle	Unit manufactured before 1975, 86 dBA
	Unit manufactured after 1975, 80 dBA

- (2) Permits for motor vehicle racing events may be obtained from the City according to procedures and criteria set forth in Sections 654.10 and 654.11.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

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654.06. Railroads.

No person shall operate or permit to be operated any railroad locomotive or car, rolling stock or equipment so as to cause a violation of the allowable sound levels adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Noise Control Act of 1972, 42 U.S.C. 4901 to 4918, as amended.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.07. Prohibited noises generally.

No person shall make, or continue, cause or permit to be made, verbally or mechanically, any unnecessary noise disturbance. Noncommercial public speaking and public assembly activities conducted on any public space or public right of way shall be exempt from this section, except as otherwise provided herein.

The following acts, and the causing thereof, are hereby declared to be violations of this section:

- (a) *Sound Production and Reproduction Systems.* The playing, using or operating, or permitting the playing, using or operating, of any television or radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph or other machine or device for producing, reproducing or amplifying sound in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance, or at any time with a louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the persons who are in the room, chamber, vehicle or other place in which such an instrument, machine, set or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The operation of any such television or radio receiving set, instrument, phonograph, machine or device between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of fifty feet from the building, structure, vehicle or other place in which it is located shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of this section. This subsection shall not apply to noncommercial speech.
- (b) *Loudspeakers; Public Address Systems.*
 - (1) The using or operating for any noncommercial purpose of any loudspeaker, public address system, musical instrument or similar device between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. of the following day, such that the sound therefrom creates a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary; or
 - (2) The using or operating for any commercial purpose of any loudspeaker, public address system or similar device so as to be audible in residential areas or in a noise sensitive zone.
- (c) *Street Sales.* Offering for sale or selling anything by shouting or outcry within any residential area of the City, except in connection with auction sales;
- (d) *Animals and Birds.* Owning, possessing or harboring any bird or other animal which frequently or for continued duration makes sounds which create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary or within a noise sensitive zone;
- (e) *Loading and Unloading.* Loading, unloading, opening, closing or other handling of boxes, crates, containers, building materials or similar objects between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential property boundary or within a noise sensitive zone;
- (f) *Motor Vehicle Repairs and Testing.* Repairing, rebuilding, modifying or testing any motor vehicle, motorcycle or motorboat in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary;
- (g) *Construction.* Operating or permitting the operation of any tools or equipment used in construction, drilling or demolition work between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day on weekdays, or at

any time on weekends or holidays, such that the sound therefrom creates a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary or within a noise sensitive zone, except for emergency work of public service utilities or by a temporary or special permit issued pursuant to Section 654.10 or 654.11;

- (h) *Places of Public Entertainment.* Operating or playing or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier or similar device which produces, reproduces or amplifies sound in any place of public entertainment so as to produce a maximum sound level of fifty-five dBA on a residential real property boundary;
- (i) *Domestic Power Tools.* Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool or similar device used in residential areas between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. of the following day so as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary;
- (j) *Burglar Alarms.* Sounding or permitting the sounding of any burglar alarm or other alarm or any safety or warning device on any building or motor vehicle, unless such burglar alarm terminates its operation within fifteen minutes of its being activated. Any vehicle upon which a burglar alarm has been installed shall prominently display the telephone number at which communication may be made with the owner of such motor vehicle. All burglar alarms which emit a sound which is clearly audible at any residential property line shall be equipped and required to automatically shut off the sound not later than fifteen minutes after it has begun.
- (k) *Air Conditioning and Air Handling Devices.* The operation of air conditioning, air handling devices, refrigeration devices or other compressors causing a continuous sound level in excess of fifty-five dBA measured at any property line in residential areas. This subsection shall not apply if the sound from the air conditioner or air handling device produces less than a three dBA increase in the sound level that exists in the absence of such sound.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.08. Exceptions to chapter.

The following activities and uses shall be exempt from the noise level regulations established by this chapter:

- (a) Noises of public or governmental safety signals, warning devices and emergency relief valves when used as intended for warnings in case of emergency or danger or when tested, and noises of fire alarms;
- (b) Noises resulting from any authorized police, fire or emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency call or acting in a time of emergency;
- (c) Noises resulting from emergency work. Emergency work shall be work which is necessary to restore property to a safe condition following a public calamity or accident, or work required to protect persons or property from an imminent exposure to danger.
- (d) Any noise resulting from activities of a temporary duration, permitted by law and for which a temporary or special permit has been granted in accordance with Section 654.10 or 654.11;
- (e) Any aircraft operated in conformity with or pursuant to Federal law, Federal air regulations and air traffic control instruction and used pursuant to and within the duly adopted Federal air regulations;
- (f) Noise from church bells, chimes or churches, except between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.;
- (g) Noise from construction activity, except such noise as is specifically prohibited by this chapter;
- (h) Noise resulting from the repair of public utilities;

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- (i) Noise resulting from the operation of snow removal equipment when being used for or in connection with snow removal; and
 - (j) Noise resulting from a City sponsored cultural, ethnic or community activity open to the public.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86; Ord. No. 758, 6-29-87)

654.09. Limitation of responsibility.

The City shall not enforce any noise regulations within the jurisdiction of the Michigan and Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.10. Temporary permits.

- (a) Upon application of a nonprofit organization, the Mayor or his or her designee may issue a permit for relief of any of the restrictions of this chapter. Such a permit shall not be effective for more than three days and shall not be renewed more than three times. Such a permit shall only be granted if the requirements set forth in Section 654.11(a) are satisfied.
- (b) Any permit granted pursuant to this section may be subject to and prescribe any conditions, limitations or requirements which the Mayor or his or her designee deems necessary to minimize adverse effects upon the community, persons within the community or the surrounding neighborhood.
- (c) Any permit granted pursuant to this section shall contain all conditions upon which the permit has been granted and shall specify the period of time that the permit is in effect.
- (d) Any permit granted pursuant to this section shall be revoked if the conditions to which it is subject are violated or if the conditions set forth in Section 654.11(a) are no longer satisfied.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.11. Special permits.

- (a) Following a public hearing at a regularly scheduled Council meeting, and upon recommendation of the Mayor and approval by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council, a permit for relief from any of the restrictions or noise level requirements of this chapter may be granted. Applications for a permit for such relief may be made to the Mayor or his or her designated representative. Such a permit for relief may be granted if it is found:
 - (1) That additional time is necessary for the applicant to alter or modify its operation to comply with this chapter, or that the activity, operation or noise source will be of temporary duration and cannot be done in a manner that would comply with the other requirements of this chapter;
 - (2) That no reasonable alternative is available to the applicant; and
 - (3) That the noise created will not unreasonably damage or endanger the health, safety or welfare of the public.
- (b) Residents living within 500 feet of the real property boundary line of the noise emitter applying for such a permit must be given notice of the application 12 days in advance of the hearing thereon. Such notice shall be delivered by mail to all such residents. Unintentional failure to notify any such resident as required in this subsection shall not invalidate a permit issued pursuant to this section.

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- (c) Any permit granted pursuant to this section may be subject to and prescribe any conditions, limitations or requirements which Council deems necessary to minimize adverse effects upon the community, persons within the community or the surrounding neighborhood.
 - (d) Any permit granted pursuant to this section shall contain all conditions upon which the permit has been granted and shall specify a reasonable time that the permit shall be effective, not to exceed two years.
 - (e) Any permit granted pursuant to this section shall be revoked if the conditions to which it is subject are violated, or when issued pursuant to subsection (a) hereof, if the conditions set forth in such subsection are no longer satisfied or fulfilled.
 - (f) If it is decided to revoke any permit granted pursuant to this section, written notice of revocation shall be served upon the permittee or his or her agent or officer personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the activities being conducted or the noise created pursuant to such a permit endangers the public health or safety, such revocation will be effective immediately; otherwise the revocation will be effective ten days after service of the notice of revocation.
 - (g) If a permittee wishes to appeal the revocation of a permit issued pursuant to this section, an appeal may be initiated by filing a written notice of appeal at the office of the City Clerk. The notice must state specifically the reasons and facts upon which the permittee bases the appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within ten days of the service of the notice of revocation of the permit or of the denial of the permit. If such a notice of appeal has been filed in a timely fashion, and if the revocation of the permit was not given immediate effect based on danger to public health and safety, the revocation of the permit will be suspended until such time as the permittee's appeal is decided or until such time as Council finds that the activities engaged in or the noise produced pursuant to the permit endangers the health or safety of the public.
 - (h) If an appeal of the revocation or denial of a permit granted pursuant to this section is made, the appellant shall be granted a hearing before Council or such persons as Council, by resolution, may designate. If the permit involved has been revoked and such revocation has not been suspended, the hearing shall be conducted and a decision on the appeal rendered as soon as reasonably possible. At any hearing conducted pursuant to this section, the appellant shall be permitted to be represented by counsel of choice, to present such pertinent testimony and other proof as he or she desires and to confront any witness or evidence submitted in the support of the revocation. The decision on the appeal shall be rendered in writing and a copy of the decision shall be supplied to the appellant. In the appeal, the appellant shall have the burden of proof as to all matters.
 - (i) Fees shall be established by resolution of Council for the permits, appeals or variances granted pursuant to this section. Such fees shall reflect the costs of granting and investigating the permit or variance request, or, in the case of an appeal, the cost of conducting the hearing of the appeal, and shall be approved by Council.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86; Ord. No. 1210, § 1, 5-8-17)

654.12. Regulations.

The administration may establish regulations governing permits, exceptions and appeals provided for in this chapter. No such regulation shall be effective until it is approved as to form by the City Attorney and approved by Council.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.13. Additional violations.

Except as provided in Section 654.08, no person shall:

- (a) Make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the City;
- (b) Discharge the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor boat or motor vehicle into the open air, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises;
- (c) Use any drum, loudspeaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention, by the creation of noise, to any performance, show or sale or display of merchandise; or
- (d) Knowingly permit a minor under his or her guardianship, custody or control to violate any noise regulation contained in this chapter.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.14. Remedies cumulative.

No provision of this chapter shall be construed to impair any common law, statutory or other cause of action, or legal remedy therefrom, of any person, for injury or damage arising from a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or of any other law.

(Ord. No. 739, 12-22-86)

654.99. Penalty.

Editor's note(s)—See Section 202.99 for general Code penalty if no specific penalty is provided.

202.99. General code penalty; injunctive relief; complicity.

- (a) *Designation of Violations as Misdemeanors or Civil Infractions.* Unless a violation of these Codified Ordinances or any other ordinance of the City is specifically designated as a Municipal civil infraction, the violation shall be deemed to be a misdemeanor.
- (b) *Penalty for Misdemeanors.* The penalty for a misdemeanor violation shall be a fine not exceeding \$500.00 plus costs of prosecution, or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both, unless a specific penalty is otherwise provided for the violation by these Codified Ordinances or any other ordinance.
- (c) *Penalty for Civil Infractions.* The sanction for a violation which is a Municipal civil infraction shall be a civil fine in an amount provided for in these Codified Ordinances, plus any costs, damages, expenses and other sanctions, as authorized under Chapter 87 of Act 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended, and other applicable laws.
 - (1) Unless otherwise specifically provided for a particular Municipal civil infraction violation by these Codified Ordinances or any other ordinance, the civil fine for a violation shall be not less than \$150.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction.
 - (2) Increased civil fines may be imposed for repeated violations of any requirement or provisions of these Codified Ordinances or any other ordinance. As used in this section, "repeat offense" means a second or any subsequent Municipal civil infraction violation of the same requirement or provision committed by a person within any 12-month period (unless some other period is specifically provided by these Codified Ordinances or any other ordinance) and for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. Unless otherwise specifically provided in these Codified Ordinances or any other ordinance for a particular Municipal civil infraction violation, the increased fine for a repeat offense shall be as follows:
 - A. The fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be not less than \$250.00, plus costs.
 - B. The fine for any offense which is a second repeat offense or any subsequent repeat offense shall be not less than \$500.00 plus costs.
- (d) *Violation Defined.* As used in this section, "violation" includes any act which is prohibited or made or declared to be unlawful or an offense by these Codified Ordinances or any other ordinance, and any omission or failure to act where the act is required by these Codified Ordinances or any other ordinance.
- (e) *Continuing Violation.* Each day during or on which a violation of these Codified Ordinances or any other ordinance occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense and shall be subject to penalties or sanctions as a separate offense.
- (f) *Injunction.* In addition to any remedies available at law, the City may bring an action for an injunction or other process against a person to restrain, prevent or abate any violation of these Codified Ordinances or any other ordinance.
- (g) *Surcharges; Equitable Remedies.* The imposition of any penalty provided for in this section shall be in addition to any surcharge levied for a violation of or noncompliance with a provision of these Codified Ordinances, or a provision of a technical or other code adopted by reference in these Codified Ordinances, or a rule, regulation or order promulgated or made under authority of either, or of State law, and shall be in addition to any equitable remedy provided by a provision of these Codified Ordinances, or a provision of a technical or other code adopted by reference in these Codified Ordinances, or a rule, regulation or order promulgated or made under authority of either, or of State law, or provided by State law, including the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

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- (h) *Complicity.* Every person who commits or procures, counsels, aids or abets the commission of any act declared in these Codified Ordinances to be an offense, whether individually or in connection with another person, or as principal, agent or accessory, shall be guilty of or responsible for such offense. Every person who falsely, fraudulently, forcibly or willfully induces, causes, coerces, requires, permits or directs another to violate any provision of these Codified Ordinances shall likewise be guilty of or responsible for such offense.

(Ord. No. 929, 2-19-96)

From: Pehlivanoglu, Trini <Trini.Pehlivanoglu@lansingmi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 9:18 AM
To: Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>; Kost, Ryan <Ryan.C.Kost@lansingmi.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Case 25-0104023 Graham

Hello Alison,

I've read through your email thread, and the responses you have received from LPD as well as President Kost.

The issues you have described sound incredibly frustrating, and I thank President Kost for including me in the conversation. Our next Committee on Public Safety meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 4:00 pm. These meetings are open to the public and are held on the 10th floor of City Hall in the Council conference room.

We expect Chief Backus or Assistant Police Chief Pratl to attend the upcoming meeting and I will add your specific concerns and the ordinance referenced to our agenda. In addition, I will reach out to LPD today to address the ongoing disruptions.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you are welcome to attend virtually at the following link or submit additional comments in writing.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%253ameeting_N2Q1MzUyYmEtZTJhMC00MDEyLTlhMWEtMzAxZmJiNmQ4Zml5%2540thread.v2/0?context=%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%252287509dee-095b-4ff8-ba5a-0035cdfc715d%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%2522fb6de122-fe6f-4564-ab70-6cb5d60c1f5f%2522%257d

I will follow up with you via phone, and please feel free to contact me directly at any time.

Sincerely,
Trini Pehlivanoglu
City Council At-Large
(517)855-0367

From: Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 1:14:01 PM
To: Kost, Ryan <Ryan.C.Kost@lansingmi.gov>
Cc: Pehlivanoglu, Trini <Trini.Pehlivanoglu@lansingmi.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Case 25-0104023 Graham

Thank you Ryan!

Ms. Pehlivanoglu,

Reference the entire thread below, the ordinance and the process to enforce the ordinance does not work. In fact it escalates issues to the point of violence.

I would like an opportunity to discuss proposed changes in detail.

As I recall, you have endorsed Mayor Schor. This could be a conflict since Mayor Schors office and City Attorney have a record of actively and forcibly work to silence me.

Thank you,

Ali Peeler
517-708-7779

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2025, at 1:05 PM, Kost, Ryan <Ryan.C.Kost@lansingmi.gov> wrote:

Hi Alison,

I have included cm Pehlivanoglu as chair of public safety.

If your looking for a change in city ordinance it is her committee it needs to happen in.

Ryan

From: Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 7:13:55 PM
To: Kost, Ryan <Ryan.C.Kost@lansingmi.gov>; Kost, Ryan <Ryan.C.Kost@lansingmi.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Case 25-0104023 Graham

Ryan,

Per the information below from LPD Internal Affairs it is you that I come to for challenges/changes to a local ordinance. In this case the Noise Ordinance.

What is the process to get started please?

Alison Peeler

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: LPDinternalaffairs <LPDinternalaffairs@lansingmi.gov>
Date: June 26, 2025 at 5:42:30 PM EDT
To: Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>
Subject: Re: Case 25-0104023 Graham

Afternoon,

Below are the answers to your questions. This is based on current Officer training. Please do not take this as legal advice.

- 1) an LPD officer must witness a noise ordinance violation personally. This is a 90 day misdemeanor by law. State/City law requires a violation occur in the presence of the Officer to take enforcement action (i.e. Ticket/Arrest).
- 2) enforcement of a noise ordinance violation is at "officer discretion". Officers have broad discretion, especially for civil infractions and municipal ordinances. Section 654.13 of the noise ordinance is also written vaguely to allow for discretion. Section 654.13 applies for most residential noise complaints 24/7. The subsection states "no person shall make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the City". "loud, unnecessary or unusual" is up to interpretation. Other sections discuss specific noises and specific times. It is up to the officer to determine if a "unnecessary noise disturbance" exists by using their discretion. Discretion is the way officers apply the law, not a law itself.
- 3) although the ordinance is very specific about what constitutes a violation an officer has the latitude to make a personal determination on the noise level. As stated above some ordinance sections have specific noises, specific levels and specific times. Most of the time the ordinance requires officers to determine if a "unnecessary noise disturbance" exists by using their discretion.

Please show me where these "rules" are documented and what the appropriate process is to challenge them. Please see the below attached ordinance link. Michigan Compiled laws and the Municode Library contain all the legal rules. To change a state law contact the Michigan Legislature for local ordinances contact the Lansing City Council.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

[Municode Library](#)

(b) Standing Vehicles. No person shall operate or permit the operation of any motor vehicle, motorcycle or auxiliary vehicle attached to such a vehicle for longer than five minutes in any hour while the vehicle is stationary, for reasons other than traffic congestion, on a public right of way or public space within 150 feet (forty-six meters) of a residential area or designated parking area.
library.municode.com

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From: Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 4:46 PM

To: Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>

Cc: LPDCSU <LPD.CSU@lansingmi.gov>; LPDinternalaffairs <LPDinternalaffairs@lansingmi.gov>; Police Chief <Police.Chief@lansingmi.gov>; Kost, Ryan <Ryan.C.Kost@lansingmi.gov>; Kost, Ryan <Ryan.C.Kost@lansingmi.gov>; Garza, Jeremy <Jeremy.Garza@lansingmi.gov>; Lansing Mayor <Lansing.Mayor@lansingmi.gov>; McNamara, Shawn <Shawn.McNamara@lansingmi.gov>; Colby, Jillian

<Jillian.Colby@lansingmi.gov>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Case 25-0104023 Graham

Follow up with questions..

In have been told;

- 1) an LPD officer must witness a noise ordinance violation personally
- 2) enforcement of a noise ordinance violation is at "officer discretion"
- 3) although the ordinance is very specific about what constitutes a violation an officer has the latitude to make a personal determination on the noise level

Please show me where these "rules" are documented and what the appropriate process is to challenge them.

Ali Peeler

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 24, 2025, at 8:23 PM, Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com> wrote:

All,

After being told by IA that this matter would be handled differently going forward the same unacceptable response happened again today.

The responding officer called and proceeded to tell me that since it was daytime it's not a violation. I am so exhausted with officers not knowing the ordinance. All he did was tell them to turn it down and no mention of the yard parking. Apparently LPD officers are unaware of this ordinance as well. As soon as the officer drove away everyone laughed and the music was louder than ever.

I called back and asked for a shift SGT at 3:58. I also placed another noise complaint separately at 4:08.

The excessive sound continued until 4:34 at which time 3 officers arrived.

All they did was tell them again to turn the music down and to park elsewhere. The officers again proceeded to tell me since it was before 11pm it was officer discretion to issue a citation. No citation was even considered for front yard parking. "Officer discretion". From our conversation I gathered that this particular officer does not want to go to court to testify on a noise complaint. If this is the way a decision is made about whether or not to issue a citation we have a very big problem. Calls about the same offense/offender can continue over a year so that an office does not have to testify in court? The officers told me that the offenders adjusted the volumes back and

forth and the officers agreed to a certain level that they approved of. It is NOT a level that I approve of as I can still hear the bass inside my home with the windows closed and my TV on. Let's use the already crafted ordinance of 50'.

1 officer was silent. 2 officers were rude and condescending. They clearly did not show up to resolve the issue but rather check the box on this call.

The officers left without satisfactory resolution.

Within minutes the music was louder than ever. Rinse and repeat at 5:18 and 7:24. Officer Chan was dispatched (one of the rude officers from earlier in the day). I have that interaction on video and will send upon request. I again asked for a Sgt to call. I still had not gotten a call from my 3:58 request. I got the call from Sgt Johnson (the rude Sgt from a few days ago) and he was equally as rude and unhelpful. Please pull the call recording. It is now my understanding that the ordinance is enforced at officer discretion.

I would like a phone call ASAP on this matter.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 16, 2025, at 10:54 AM, Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com> wrote:

Based on CPT McNamara OOO I am adding LT Jillian Colby.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 16, 2025, at 10:44 AM, Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com> wrote:

Adding CPT McNamara

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 16, 2025, at 10:26 AM, Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com> wrote:

Additional complaint...

I did a FOIA on the incident number provided to me by Ofc Graham. It was rejected as invalid.

I called patrol who could not find anything and transferred me to investigations where I was disconnected.

I called directly to investigations and got VM and left a detailed message.

Please tell me how to obtain the correct and complete number.

<image0.jpeg>

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2025, at 7:36 PM, Ali Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com> wrote:

All,

For the last year (May of 2024 case 24-51904737) we have been dealing with constant noise ordinance violations and front yard parking from 2 specific neighbors.

A FOIA request is currently being processed to document all of the calls and LPD interaction that has been officially recorded. I have my own records, pictures, videos, and decibel readings to match to most of the incidents.

Today the situation escalated and I called the non-emergency LPD number which is the process I have been told to use.

I sat in my front yard documenting the situation waiting for the officer. At the time that the officer drove by the offending address I had just recorded a decibel reading of 59 to 99. Please keep in mind that I am getting that reading from 5 houses away. However the officer did not even stop claiming he didn't think that the music was too loud. It is only if an officer a) personally witnesses the noise and b) personally thinks it's too loud will they take any action. The officer did not see me or ignored me when I tried to wave him down to discuss. I had to call in and ask that he return. He did return and after a very brief conversation without resolution he had to leave for a more important call and said he would be back. When he came back with his partner I was informed that there is nothing that can be done about the front yard parking nor the repeated noise ordinance violations. He did allegedly go tell the neighbor to keep the noise at or below 60 Db per my request.

I would like to speak with a higher ranking member of LPD about this. I was also informed that it is not illegal to make verbal threats and there is nothing to be done about the ones that I have received from these neighbors which are video recorded.

My take away is that I need to just sit down and shut up and let the neighbors do whatever they want. Why do we have laws and ordinances if they are not going to be enforced?

Alison Peeler
220 Paris Ave
Sent from my iPhone