

Proposed Change to Knoxville Tennessee Code of Ordinances

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In recent years the continued growth in Knoxville has reduced the distances between commercial and residential areas. This has resulted in unreasonably loud, unusual and unnecessary noise from refuse collection (from dumpsters) in commercial areas that impact residential areas. This proposed change seeks to limit this refuse collection to times that will minimize significant impact to families and children while allowing collection in more commercial areas.

The following proposed change to Knoxville Code is adapted from the City of Charleston, SC. Because of the extensive Knoxville city annexed areas directly adjacent, or in near proximity, to residential areas in the Knox County, the county zone is included to minimize noise effects and impact in all areas and improve quality of life for all residents. There are numerous city arteries such as Alcoa Highway, Northshore, Pellissippi Parkway and Kingston Pike with extensive commercial areas extending into county residential areas.

Revise Current Sec. 18-8. - Exceptions.

None of the terms or prohibitions contained in this chapter shall apply to or be enforced against:

Revise Section (10)

Use of motor vehicles for the collection and/or compacting of refuse, except that such vehicles shall not operate between 9:00 ~~10:00~~ p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in a residential use zone or in any zone within one thousand (1000) feet of any residential use zone of the city or county.

Amend Current Section 18.4.c

The following acts, among others, are declared to be unreasonably loud, unusual or unnecessary noises in violation of this chapter, even if the noises referred to do not violate the noise level standards set forth in § 18-3:

with a new section (9)

(9) Operation a front-end loader or other mechanical noise producing method for refuse collection (i.e. from dumpster or similar) in any zone within one thousand (1000) feet of any residential zone of the city or county between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.