



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 2022
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Dave Perrault, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Noise Ordinance Discussion

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
N/A	N/A	N/A

For Council Consideration

Council should consider providing direction on whether or not it wants to update the City’s ordinance regarding noise.

Background

The City Council requested to discuss its ordinance regarding noise specifically in-regards to a complaint received regarding lawn moving early in the morning. There is language in Chapter 6 Nuisances and Offense that prohibits unnecessary or unauthorized noises; also, under Chapter 6 Construction Activities it states *No person shall engage in or permit construction activities involving the use of any kind of electric, diesel or gas powered machine or other power equipment except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any weekday or between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any weekend or holiday.* Staff generally references this standard when complaints are made, but it was pointed out that mowing the lawn does not count as a construction activity. Council is being asked if they want to add language regarding lawn care, too. It could add language under Chapter 6, with language like:

No person shall operate any outdoor power implement, including but not limited to power lawn mowers, snowblowers, power hedge clippers, or other such implements designed primarily for outdoor use, at any time other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 pm on weekends and holidays.

Budget Impact

N/A

Attachment

N/A