#### ORDINANCE 93-50

# TO AMEND CHAPTER 14.09 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED, "NOISE CONTROL"

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission (Commission) recently completed a review of the Chapter 4.09 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, "Noise Control"; and

WHEREAS, in the course of their review the Commission sent out a letter requesting comments, arranged for an article in the Herald-Telephone, analyzed noise complaints and examined the city's sound-measuring instruments; and

WHEREAS, at the close of their review the Commission submitted a report recommending the following changes in Noise Control ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. Section <u>14.09.030</u> Sound Pressure Level or Noise <u>Measurements</u>, Subsection (e), of the Bloomington Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

(e) The average measurement for this chapter shall be the sum of all the readings taken divided by the number of readings.

SECTION II. Section <u>14.09.040</u> Sound Pressure Level Limits in <u>dB(A)</u> for Single Noise or Sound Sources in Residential, Business and Manufacturing Zones, Subsection a, of the Bloomington Municipal Code be amended so that the text above the chart will read as follows:

a. For stationary, or fixed sources, the required measurement of sound shall consist of readings taken at ten (10) second intervals for three (3) minutes within a one (1) hour period. For non-stationary sources, like motor vehicles, the required measurement shall consist of two (2) readings taken within a one (1) hour period. The average measurement for these sources shall not exceed the sound pressure level limits for the locations and times listed in the chart below.

SECTION III. <u>Section 14.09.070 Special Permits</u>, subsection (d), be amended to add the following sentence at the end of that provision:

The average noise level allowed under a Civic Event Permit shall not exceed 115 dB(A) for more than three cumulative minutes in any one hour, when measured at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the sound source.

SECTION IV. Section 14.09.080 <u>Other Noises Prohibited--</u> <u>Standards for Unnecessary Noise</u>, Sub-subsection a(1), be amended to read as follows:

(1) The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile or other vehicle, except as a warning; the creation by means of any signaling device of any unreasonable, loud or harsh sound; the sounding of any signaling device for any unnecessary and unreasonable period of time; the unreasonable use of any signaling device which creates sound; and, the playing of car radios or other sound producing devices at a volume that is clearly audible more than fifty (50) feet from the vehicle. The volume of the device shall not be louder than is necessary for the convenient hearing of persons who are inside the vehicle within which such a device is operated.

SECTION V.

Section 14.09.100 Violations, penalties and

appeals be amended by replacing the words "penalty of ten lollars" with "penalty of fifty dollars" in Subsections (a) and (c).

SECTION VI. Severability. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION VII. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of 3loomington and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this <u>and</u> day of <u>November</u>, 1993.

JACK W. HOPKINS, President

Bloomington Common Council Regina Miller, Vice-President

ATTEST:

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 44 day of <u>November</u>, 1993.

> PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk City of Bloomington

SIGNED and	APPROVED	by	me	upon	this	_4 <sup>th</sup>	day	of	Noven	<u>a</u> ,
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TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor City of Bloomington

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### SYNOPSIS

This ordinance makes five changes in Chapter 14.09 of the IMC. The first corrects the definition of "average measurement" and the second employs that term in reference to stationary and ron-stationary sources of sound. The third limits the noise level under Civic Event Permits to 115 decibels. The fourth limits the playing of car radios at a volume that can be clearly heard keyond fifty feet. And, the last raises the fine for violations of this chapter from ten to fifty dollars.

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