

Summary of Noise Control and Consumer Fireworks Rules and Regulations for the City of Traverse City



NOISE CONTROL: CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 652

Excessive sound and vibration are a serious hazard to the public health, welfare, safety, and quality of life of Traverse City's residents and visitors. All guests of Tourist Homes and Vacation Home Rentals shall comply with the following rules and regulations relating to noise levels.

No person shall unreasonably make or continue, or cause to be made any noise of disturbance.

No person shall operate or play, or permit the operation or playing of, any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier or similar device which produces, reproduces or amplifies sound in such a manner as to:

- 1) Create a noise disturbance on public property or streets, across a real property boundary, or within a noise sensitive zone at any time. If such a device is plainly audible on the property of another or within a building other than that within which the device is located, it is a violation of the City's Noise Ordinance and the Noise Control Officers should be notified.
- 2) Create a noise disturbance when operated in or on a motor vehicle on a public right of way, public space or space open to the general public, or in a boat on public waters. If such a device is plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet in any direction, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or 100 feet in any direction between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., it is a violation of the City's Noise Ordinance and the Noise Control Officers should be notified.
- 3) Loudspeakers. No person shall use or operate for any noncommercial purpose any loudspeaker, public address system or similar device between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day so that the sound there from creates a noise disturbance across a residential area or multi-family area boundary. No person shall use or operate for any commercial purpose any loudspeaker, public address system or similar device so that the sound there from creates a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or within a noise sensitive zone, or between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day on a public right of way or public space.
- 4) Sound amplifiers. No person shall operate any sound amplifying device for the purpose of advertising announcing an event, or attracting the attention of the public.

No person on private property shall create a continuous sound which exceeds the limits set forth in the Traverse City Code of Ordinances when measured at or within the property boundary of the receiving land which source of sound shall be deemed prima-facie to be a noise disturbance.

For complaints regarding noise contact the Noise Control Officer at (231) 995 – 5150.

FIREWORKS: CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 690

Consumer Fireworks are not permitted on City property or beaches.

Consumer Fireworks are not permitted within 500 feet of City waters.

No person shall ignite, discharge or use Consumer Fireworks within the city, except for on the following days after 11:00 a.m.:

- December 31 until 1:00 a.m. on January 1;
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days;
- June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days;
- July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.;
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

Consumer fireworks means any devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States consumer product safety commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5.

Consumer fireworks do not include low-impact fireworks. Low impact fireworks means ground and handheld sparkling devices as that phrase is defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

Floating lanterns are prohibited within the City limits for the safety of all air traffic.

For questions regarding fireworks and floating lanterns, call the Fire Marshal at (231) 922 – 4930.

For more information regarding noise control, fireworks, and other general tourist home regulations, visit www.traversecitymi.gov.