

**ORDINANCE**  
**AMENDING THE NOISE ORDINANCE REGARDING WEEKEND**  
**ENFORCEMENT**

Introduced by Councilpersons Franklin Solano and Tatiana Baena

**Be it ordained** that the City of Central Falls hereby amends Chapter 26 “OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS” as follows:

**Section ONE:** Chapter 26 “OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS,” of the Central Falls Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 26-114. Penalty.**

The penalty for the first violation of this division shall be a fine of \$100.00, a second violation of this division shall be a fine of \$200.00 and a third and any subsequent violation shall be a fine of \$500.00. Each fine shall be appealable to the municipal court.

**Sec. 26-115. Declaration of policy.**

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the city to prohibit unreasonable, excessive and annoying noise levels from all sources subject to its police power. The noise being generated may originate from radios, CD players, DVD players, tape players, televisions and other audio-producing equipment.

**Sec. 26-116. Enforcement.**

The police chief or his designee shall train personnel in the proper use of sound level meters and criteria necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of this article. Enforcement shall only occur between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

**Sec. 26-117. Violations of acceptable noise levels.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any equipment from which the sound created by this equipment is capable of penetrating a closed vehicle from 20 feet away from the locations at which the sound is being generated, or heard from 100 feet away by a person outside from which the sound is originating. This division shall include, but not be limited to, sound electronically generated by autos, trucks, scooters, motor homes, mobile homes, houses, apartment buildings, condominiums, commercial buildings, lawn maintenance equipment, or from any type of portable sound producing equipment that can be carried or placed outdoors which through its operation exceeds the provisions of this division.
- (b) All state and municipal vehicles shall be exempt from the provisions of this division, nor any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity which holds a valid state or municipal entertainment license to sponsor a parade, carnival or other similar special event.

**Sec. 26-118. Stereos, radios, musical instruments and other noisemaking devices.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate any stereo, radio, musical instrument or other noisemaking device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such a manner so as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of reasonable persons.

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- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate any stereo, radio, musical instrument or other noisemaking device for the producing or reproducing of sound within a motor vehicle in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of reasonable persons.
  - (c) Any noise level exceeding the ambient base level, as defined in section 26-117 anywhere along the street property, or property lines of any property, or if in a condominium or apartment house with any adjoining apartment, by more than five decibels shall be deemed to be prima facie a violation of the provisions of this division. In the case of a motor vehicle, the noise level must exceed the ambient base level by more than five decibels at least three feet from the motor vehicle.

**Sec. 26-119. Public education.**

The police and fire departments shall conduct public education and post public signage to promote compliance with the provisions of this division.

**Section TWO:** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.