

**ORDINANCE #26-01
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30, SECTION 5 - NUISANCES

The City Council of Ramsey ordains:

Underlined text is inserted into City Code.

~~Strikethrough~~ text is deleted from City Code.

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to and under the authority of the City Charter of the City of Ramsey.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 30 (NUISANCES CODE).

The following portion of Chapter 30, Section 5, is amended as follows:

Sec. 30-5. – Noise.

(2) *Electronic sound system/audio equipment.*

- a. No person shall use or operate any device, instrument, electronic sound system or audio equipment including, but not limited to, any compact disc player, cassette tape player, AM/FM radio, citizen band radio, paging system, or any other device designed to produce or reproduce audio sound; in such an unreasonably loud manner that it disturbs the peace, quiet, and comfort of others or interferes with the right of another to use peacefully his/her property or public property without disturbance.
- b. It shall be presumed that a violation of this section has occurred when any electronic sound system or audio equipment is operated in a manner in which it is plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet or more.
- c. When sound violating this section is produced by an electronic sound system or audio equipment that is located in or on a vehicle, the vehicle's owner is guilty of the violation, provided that if the vehicle's owner is not present, the person in charge of the vehicle at the time of the violation is guilty of the violation.
- d. This section shall not apply to sound produced by the following:
 1. Amplifying equipment used in connection with activities for which a permit has been granted or in connection with activities of any organized school, church, civic, or other event or activity open to the public and occurring between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. while still maintaining decibel limits set by Minnesota State Law.

2. Anti-theft devices;
 3. Bells, chimes, carillons, or the like in association with a religious institution or school;
 4. Emergency civil defense warning signals; and
 5. Authorized emergency vehicles or other vehicles required by law to be equipped with sound devices.
- (3) *Operation.* To operate or to cause to be operated, ~~but not limited to,~~ the use of any noise creating blower or power fan, internal combustion engine, air compressor or steam engine, automobile, motorcycle, snowmobile, motor boat, motor bike, scooter, recreational vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, off-highway motorcycle, off-road vehicle, go-cart, or remote-controlled airplane, boat, or other vehicle powered by an engine or motor, the operation of which causes noise, unless the noise from the blower or fan is muffled and such engine or compressor is equipped with a muffler device in accordance with [Minn. Stat. §169.69](#), sufficient to deaden and effectively prevent such noise so that the noise shall not annoy, disturb or affect the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.
- a. It shall be a violation of this section to intentionally use an engine retarding brake on any public highway, street, parking lot, or alley within the city that causes abnormal or excessive noise from the engine, except in an emergency.

SECTION 3. SUMMARY

The following official summary of Ordinance #26-01 has been approved by the City Council of the City of Ramsey as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance:

“The purpose of this ordinance #26-01 is to repeal, modify, and add to portions of Chapter 30 (Nuisances), Section 5, pertaining to noise and the prohibited use of an engine retarding brake.”

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance becomes effective upon publication, subject to City Charter Section 5.07.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Ramsey, Minnesota the ___ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Introduction date: January 27, 2026

Posting dates:

Adoption date:

Publication date:

Effective date: