

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

EIGHTEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____ ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY:

1 **ORDINANCE**

2 **AMENDING SECTION 7-10-3 ROA 1994, THE VEHICLE NUISANCE ORDINANCE**
3 **TO EXPAND VIOLATIONS TO INCLUDE REVVING OF ENGINES TO MAGNIFY**
4 **ENGINE NOISE IN THE DOWNTOWN QUIET ZONE.**

5 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
6 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

7 **Section 1. Section 7-10-3 ROA 1994, Vehicle Nuisance Ordinance is**
8 **amended as follows:**

9 **§ 7-10-3 VEHICLE NUISANCE – SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS.**

10 **A vehicle is hereby declared a nuisance subject to the penalty provisions**
11 **of this Article if it is operated by a person or persons engaged in any of the**
12 **following enumerated acts:**

13 **(A) Drag Racing and Other Competitive Racing. It shall be unlawful for any**
14 **person or persons to engage or participate in a drag race or race for speed**
15 **within the city limits unless otherwise accepted herein. For purpose of this**
16 **section, a drag race or competitive race for speed shall be and the terms shall**
17 **mean any operate vehicles in such a manner as to cause such vehicles to be**
18 **side by side on the roadway, or one slightly ahead of the other, and either**
19 **from a stopped position or while moving, to accelerate such vehicles rapidly**
20 **with the intent to race or otherwise out gain the other. The provisions of this**
21 **sections shall not apply to authorized or licensed race courses, or other areas**
22 **which are specifically set aside and supervised by the police department for**
23 **police training. In any prosecution for a violation of this section, intent may be**
24 **shown from the surrounding circumstances, from admission from the**
25 **violators, from the observations of a law enforcement officer or in any other**
26 **manner in which intent may be proven in any civil or criminal action under**
27 **New Mexico law.**

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1 (B) Exhibition Driving. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in
2 exhibition driving of any vehicle within the city limits. For the purposes of this
3 section, exhibition driving shall be and the term shall mean driving a vehicle in
4 such a manner that it creates or causes unnecessary or excessive engine
5 noise, tire squeal, skid or slide upon acceleration, braking or stopping.
6 Exhibition driving shall also mean driving a vehicle in a manner that causes
7 the vehicle to unnecessarily turn abruptly or sway and driving and executing
8 or attempting one or a series of unnecessarily abrupt turns. Exhibition driving
9 shall also mean carrying passengers on a part of the structure of the vehicle
10 not designed for that purpose including but not limited to the hood. In any
11 prosecution for a violation of this section, intent may be shown from the
12 surrounding circumstances, from admissions from the violators, from the
13 observations of a law enforcement officer or in any other manner in which
14 intent may be proven in any civil or criminal action under New Mexico law.

15 [+(C) Downtown Quiet Zone. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage
16 in exhibition driving in the Downtown Quiet Zone by operating a vehicle in a
17 manner that willfully creates excessive engine noise because of revving the
18 engine to magnify the engine noise. For the purposes of this section, the
19 Downtown Quiet Zone shall be defined as the downtown core area generally
20 bounded by Marble/Slate/Lomas Boulevard on the north, AT & SF railroad
21 tracks/ Broadway Boulevard on the east, Coal Avenue on south, and
22 Tenth/Ninth/Seventh streets on the west, as defined and depicted in the
23 approved Downtown 2010 Sector Development Plan and which encompasses
24 approximately 321 acres (0.5 square miles). +]

25 ~~(G)~~ [(D)] Using a Vehicle as an Instrument of Threat or Intimidation – Road
26 Rage. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use a vehicle as an
27 instrument of threat or intimidation in the city limits. For purposes of this
28 section, use of a vehicle as an instrument of threat or intimidation, or so-called
29 road rage driving, shall be and the terms shall mean driving a vehicle
30 dangerously or conspicuously close to or behind or near another vehicle or
31 suddenly stopping or accelerating and rapidly switching lanes or positions on
32 the roadway with the intent to taunt or retaliate against another driver of any
33 reason. The use of one or more vehicles to willfully prevent another vehicle

1 from lawfully passing shall also be violation of this section, intent may be
2 shown from the surrounding circumstances, from admission from the
3 violators, from the observations of a law enforcement officer or in any other
4 manner in which intent may be proven in any civil or criminal action under
5 New Mexico law.

6 ~~(D)~~ [(E)] Excessively Loud Electronic Sound or Music. It shall be unlawful
7 for any person or persons to play or produce excessively loud sound or music
8 in any vehicle operated on any public street in the city limits. For purposes of
9 the section , excessively loud electronic sound or music shall be and the
10 terms shall mean the use of any machine or device for reproducing sound
11 including any magnifying sound instrument used in the production or
12 replication of music, spoken words or other sounds and designed to enlarge
13 the volume of any instrument, voice or other sound including but not limited
14 to radios, stereos, or called “boom boxes.” It shall be violation of this section
15 if any such sound is plainly audible twenty-five feet from the subject vehicle.

16 ~~(E)~~ [(F)] Modification of Exhaust Systems. It shall be a violation of this
17 section for any person to operate any vehicle in the city limits with a modified
18 exhaust system. A modified exhaust system shall mean any change or
19 alteration to the exhaust system found on the vehicle when it was originally
20 manufactured when such change results in noise that exceeds the noise the
21 vehicle made when manufactured. Any violation of ROA 1994 §§ 8-6-13 or 9-9-
22 9(A) through (D) shall also be violation of this paragraph.

23 (Ord. 42-2002) Penalty, see § 7-10-99

24 Section 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence,
25 clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or
26 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
27 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

28 Section 3. COMPILATION. This ordinance shall be incorporated in and
29 compiled as part of the Revised Ordinances of Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994.

30 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five days
31 after publication by title and general summary.

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