

CITY OF OCEAN SHORES, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 784

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEAN SHORES, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW SECTION 10.08.060 TO THE OCEAN SHORES MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF PORTABLE AND VEHICLE STEREO EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, in recent years manufacturers of portable and vehicle stereo equipment have increased the wattage of such equipment dramatically; and

WHEREAS, the increased sounds emitted from said equipment can constitute a traffic hazard, a health hazard, and can cause a public disturbance; and

WHEREAS, many complaints have been received from motorists and citizens who do not wish to listen to the constant thumping of loud base and/or loud music emitting from vehicles or other portable stereo equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEAN SHORES, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Section 10.08.060 is hereby added to the Ocean Shores Municipal Code, to read as follows:

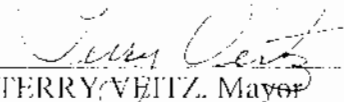
A. Motor vehicle stereo equipment. It is unlawful for any person in control of or operating a motor vehicle to permit sound from the motor vehicle sound system, including but not limited to a radio, tape player, compact disc player, or other musical device, whether or not affixed to the vehicle, to be operated at a volume so as to be audible at a distance greater than fifty (50) feet from the vehicle itself.

B. Portable stereo equipment. It is unlawful for any person in control of or operating a portable stereo system, including but not limited to a radio, tape player, compact disc player, or other portable musical device, to be operated at a volume so as to be audible at a distance greater than fifty (50) feet from said equipment, except that said distance is increased to within one hundred (100) feet on the City's ocean beach.

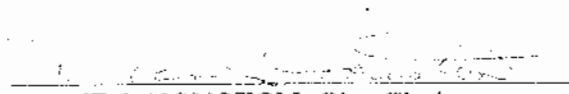
Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after the date of publication.

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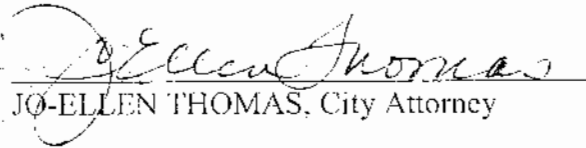
THIS ORDINANCE PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ocean Shores, Washington, at a regular open public meeting on this 13th day of December 2004.


TERRY VEITZ, Mayor

ATTEST:


DIANE J. HOUSTON, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JO-ELLEN THOMAS, City Attorney