




## MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 11, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Albert P. Childress  
City Manager 

From: Jim Young  
Director of Code Compliance

Subject: Amending the City's Noise Ordinance

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### **Introduction**

The City Commission will consider amending and adding Sections 26-192 (B) and 26-192 (3) of the Code of Ordinances.

### **Background**

On April 4, 2023, at the City Commission meeting Mayor Johnston, Commissioner Weekly and Commissioner Lopez directed City Manager Childress to work with City Attorney Ramsingh in reviewing the entire sound control ordinance and bring back to the Commission changes to the ordinance. There were three community meetings conducted on May 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., May 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and May 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. where approximately 100 residents attended.

During these meetings in attendance were business owners, residents and musicians and there were many comments and suggestions. It appeared the majority of the meetings were attended by musicians who were opposed to any changes or wanted to see the decibel levels for a violation increased. Of the residents that attended some of the comments were, eliminate fireworks at weddings, include wind chimes, entertainment licenses should not be automatically renewed and make the decibels levels for a violation decreased.

In a follow up Directors meeting City Manager Childress directed Code Compliance Director to craft amendments the sound control ordinance to include a Miami-Dade County Nuisance Ordinance, (33-4), and to include a violation for noise being clearly audible.

### **Recommendation**

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission approve the amending of Sections 26-192 (B) and 26-192 (3) of the Code of Ordinances.