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INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 66 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ARTICLE IV. OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC MORALS SEC. 66-106 DISTURBING THE PEACE

Whereas, the Covington Code of Ordinances Chapter 66, Section 66 – 106 sets forth matters that are considered disturbing the peace; and

Whereas, Section 66 – 106 (7) provides that the "commission of any other act in such a manner as to unreasonably disturb or alarm the public" constitutes disturbing the peace; and

Whereas, the City of Covington has determined that additional clarification of this paragraph is necessary to define such violations and to assist the police in enforcement of this Section; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that the Covington Code of Ordinances Chapter 66 Offenses And Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV. Offenses Against Public Morals, Sec. 66 – 106, be amended as follows:

Sec. 66-106 Disturbing the peace.

(a). Disturbing the peace is the doing of any of the following in such manner as would foreseeably disturb or alarm the public:

(1) Engaging in a fistic encounter;
(2) Addressing any offensive, derisive, or annoying words to any other person who is lawfully in any street, or other public place; or calling him by any offensive or derisive name, or making any noise of exclamation in his presence and hearing with the intent to deride, offend, annoy him or prevent him from pursuing lawful business, occupation, or duty;
(3) Appearing in an intoxicated condition;
(4) Engaging in any act in a violent and tumultuous manner by any three or more persons;
(5) Holding of an unlawful assembly;
(6) Interruption of any lawful assembly of people; or

(7) Commission of any other act in such a manner as to unreasonably disturb or alarm the public. Such acts include, **but are not limited to, noise generated by signal devices, horns, whistles, radios, phonographs, amplifiers, loudspeakers, any musical instrument, drums, yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, singing or any other noisemaking activity that unreasonably disturbs or alarms the public.**

An unreasonable disturbance or alarm to the public shall be deemed to occur when one or more of the following occurs:

a. Two or more independent callers report the same disturbance originating from the same address on the same calendar day; or

b. The noise is plainly audible to the responding officer from a distance of fifty (50) feet or more from the property line of the source address; or

c. The noise is plainly audible inside the residence of the complaining party; or

d. The noise occurs between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or at a time when occupants are reasonably expected to be sleeping or seeking quiet; or

e. Visible vibration or trembling of windows, fixtures, or other items in the source residence consistent with excessive sound.

f. To cause, allow or permit the operation of any source of sound on any property or any public space or right-of-way in such a manner as to create a sound level that exceeds a sound level of 70 dBA on residentially zoned property between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7: 00 a.m. and 70 dBA on commercially zoned property at any time, measured at the property line or within the property line of the receiving property. The definitions set forth in Covington Code of Ordinances Sec. 42-2 (c) shall apply to this section.

(8) Excessive or untimely barking, howling or yelping so as to disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood or its residents or to disturb the health or repose of the residents; attacking or molesting passersby or other animals; being repeatedly at large; chasing vehicles; scratching on or digging into or urinating or defecating upon lawns, shrubs, buildings or any property, either public or private, other than property of the owner or keeper of an animal, all shall be deemed to be the creation of a public nuisance and the owner or keeper of an animal causing such public nuisance shall be subject to penalties of section 1-8 of this Code.

(b) Whoever commits the crime of disturbing the peace shall be punished as provided in section 1-8 of this Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of

Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Bushnell, seconded by Inman.

YEAS: 6 **ABSENT:** 1

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2026.

/s/ _____
MARK VERRET
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

/s/ Jo Ann Rucker
JOANN RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 4th day of March, 2026, at 9:30 o'clock A.M.

/s/ Jo Ann Rucker
JOANN RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 4 day of March, 2026.

/s/ _____
MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 4th day of March, 2026, at 2:30 o'clock P.M.

/s/ Jo Ann Rucker
JOANN RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK