



# City of Tampa

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More than two years ago, City Council asked the Administration to update the City's noise ordinance. Following that request, staff reviewed over 19,000 Calls for Service related to noise complaints from 2019 through 2021 to determine recurrent themes. In April 2021, staff presented four recommendations to City Council during a workshop. At that workshop, four recommendations were discussed at length, with City Council ultimately accepting all four recommendations and directing staff to draft an ordinance incorporating them.

On June 7, 2021, City staff held a public meeting to receive feedback from residents and business owners. Per Council's request, staff presented the four recommendations in an ordinance at a workshop on August 26, 2021, and requested the ordinance be placed on a future agenda for first reading. On October 7, 2021, City Council approved Ordinance No. 2022-18 and adopted it on January 13, 2022, upon second reading. Ordinance No. 2022-18 incorporated the four recommendations and had a delayed effective date of six months after the date of adoption. Immediately after adopting Ordinance No. 2022-18, City Council approved a motion directing staff to gather feedback on refining the ordinance through a series of public meetings. Seven public meetings were scheduled, two of which were completed.

Notwithstanding the data from TPD, a delayed effective date, and scheduled public meetings, on February 17, 2022, City Council approved on first reading an ordinance repealing Ordinance 2022-18. Second reading and adoption of the ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2022-18 is scheduled for March 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

**To avoid further confusion among the public, the upcoming ordinance meetings will be cancelled until City Council provides staff with further direction.**

Providing an exceptional quality of life to the citizens of Tampa is a priority and City staff will continue to provide City Council recommendations to reinforce this commitment. Community members who have questions should contact their City Council member.

Sincerely,

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