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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

16 August 2022 - 30 August 2022

### **PROJECT NAME:**

Proposed Noise Ordinance Changes



SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1** | **Where is your neighborhood? (major intersection or neighborhood name)**

Anonymous

8/16/2022 07:00 AM

Uni Hill

Anonymous

8/16/2022 08:25 AM

University Hill

Anonymous

8/16/2022 08:31 AM

12 & Aurora

Anonymous

8/16/2022 09:09 AM

Euclid and Lincoln - The Hill

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:02 AM

University Hill. 12th and Cascade

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:04 AM

University Hill

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:24 AM

University Hill 15th and Aurora

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:45 AM

6th and College Ave.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 12:11 PM

the Hill

Anonymous

8/16/2022 12:39 PM

The Hill

Anonymous

8/16/2022 12:42 PM

University Hill

Anonymous

8/16/2022 01:05 PM

University hill

Anonymous

8/16/2022 02:15 PM

University Hill

Anonymous 12th St. between Aurora and Cascade  
8/16/2022 02:30 PM

Anonymous University Hill  
8/16/2022 03:11 PM

Anonymous The Hill  
8/16/2022 03:26 PM

Anonymous The hill  
8/16/2022 05:00 PM

Anonymous Near Baseline and 13th St  
8/19/2022 08:14 AM

Anonymous 16th and Blubelle  
8/20/2022 03:52 PM

Anonymous Uni Hill  
8/24/2022 09:58 PM

Anonymous 13th and Aurora  
8/25/2022 09:19 PM

Anonymous Goss-Grove  
8/26/2022 10:21 AM

Anonymous 9th and Baseline  
8/26/2022 10:36 AM

Anonymous Foothills & S Boulder Rd  
8/26/2022 07:03 PM

Anonymous 30th and Pearl  
8/29/2022 07:46 AM

Anonymous Table mesa and gillaspie dr  
8/30/2022 06:35 AM

Anonymous Martin Acres

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8/30/2022 09:37 AM

Anonymous

Melody Heights

8/30/2022 09:43 AM

Anonymous

Table mesa

8/30/2022 09:49 AM

Anonymous

Lower Chautauqua

8/30/2022 10:12 AM

Anonymous

The Hill (Cascade & 15th)

8/30/2022 10:31 AM

Anonymous

8th & College

8/30/2022 10:39 AM

Anonymous

Willow Brook

8/30/2022 11:58 AM

Anonymous

6th & Arapahoe Ave

8/30/2022 12:19 PM

Anonymous

12th And Baseline

8/30/2022 01:46 PM

Anonymous

South boulder

8/30/2022 03:40 PM

Anonymous

University and Broadway

8/30/2022 05:27 PM

Anonymous

55th and Baseline

8/30/2022 05:40 PM

**Optional question** (38 response(s), 0 skipped)

**Question type:** Single Line Question

**Q2** What positive impacts would the proposed changes have on your neighborhood?

Anonymous

Enable neighbors to spend time in their yards and to leave their

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8/16/2022 07:00 AM

windows open without the constant thump, thump, thump bass sound!

Anonymous

8/16/2022 08:25 AM

Enhance enforcement and expand hours of noise ordinance, reduce disruptive behavior, support all residents including the 80%+ of student residents who are not the noise makers. Enable more uninterrupted sleep at night, less interruptions to work at home during the day.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 08:31 AM

Better noise control

Anonymous

8/16/2022 09:09 AM

Help reduce noise, particularly explosive noises that are detrimental to quality of life for humans and companion animals.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:02 AM

we have a high number of students in the area and it would provide a positive change to requirements and enforcement.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:04 AM

We would enjoy our neighborhood in peace and quiet, without being disturbed late at night by fireworks or noisy parties. The fireworks are particularly frightening.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:24 AM

The positive impact of this ordinance would help in allowing my family to enjoy our home and patio during the day. Currently, our back patio is useless on the weekends, when parties are raging in the neighborhood, and sometimes even our living room.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:45 AM

We have an illegal short term rental (owner does not live there but uses the property as his mailing address) that is the bane of our neighborhood. It has a very large party deck that several times a month hosts large noisy groups. A lowered standard for noise level and changed time of night standard would be very helpful. Not sure if the ordinance deals at all with fireworks, but they have made a good night sleep impossible many nights. One of our greyhounds about jumps out of his skin when they go off, typically after midnight.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 12:11 PM

higher quality of life, less stress, normalization ( what is going on currently is not normal ) , better communication between residents.

Anonymous

The positive impacts would be less noise disruption our families, pets,

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8/16/2022 12:39 PM

and young children who are currently highly disrupted by parties and fire works.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 12:42 PM

Improved quality of life

Anonymous

8/16/2022 01:05 PM

would help eliminate excessive noise in early evening hours. Worst times are thurs-sat between aug-oct and again in may when weather is nice and students are outdoors throwing parties.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 02:15 PM

It would be the beginning of series of changes that will bring University Hill under control. Amplified noise is the single most widespread problem we have. Allowing the police to write tickets for undue noise without neighbors having to sign for it before 11:00 p.m. will decrease the targeted revenge vandalism the occurs as soon as the perpetrator sees the neighbor's name and address on the ticket. Lowering the daytime volume will bring down the free for all mood that begins during the day and explodes at night. It will also provide an appropriate atmosphere for students who wish to study, people who work from home, babies and children who need naps, and older people who might require a nap. At night, noise tickets can be written quickly and efficiently without the need to call for a decibel reader that works and an officer trained to use it. The relationship between students and neighbors should improve once the amplified sound is turned down. Also, the noise travels all the to the western edge of the city.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 02:30 PM

Anything that aids in any reduction of party noise, firecracker noise, car noise would be welcome. This ordinance does not do enough. At least the noise restrictions will be 24 hours a day. which is helpful.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 03:11 PM

I believe the early intervention of noise complaints is key to maintaining a peaceful neighborhood. Registering the concerns of the folks in this neighborhood is not only respectful, but necessary if you want us to continue living here without being freaked out by every new student population that comes into town.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 03:26 PM

It would be a game changer. The noise violations have gotten worse and more frequent.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 05:00 PM

It would help in many ways; better sleep, better conversation and peace.

Anonymous

8/19/2022 08:14 AM

I suppose it would make it quieter, if it can be enforced. See comments in question 4 below.

Anonymous

8/20/2022 03:52 PM

As the university has grown so has the associated noise, and frankly speaking it has gotten out of control. It is making life for those of us who do have to work and want to enjoy and relax sometimes more and more difficult. Of course, not every student is loud, but a significant minority of students is making life difficult for the rest. And that is unfortunate. This bill would make it easier to call the police for disturbances that are earlier than the current 11 pm. A lot of people have to get up early to go to work, and thus loud parties in the early evening make this impossible. This bill would allow the silent majority some recourse and improve the quality of life in Boulder. Over the past years the parties have simply gotten out of control and in certain parts of the city are almost nonstop in the warmer parts of the year. Thank you for pushing the changes through.

Anonymous

8/24/2022 09:58 PM

it would allow officers to write citations based on their own observations, without prior complaint calls. Presently, they are unable to write citations unless the public phones in a complaint.

Anonymous

8/25/2022 09:19 PM

Having a defined law regarding daytime amplified noise would help keep the peace and quiet. Would give police officers a tool to break up loud parties before they get out of hand. And, hopefully help my kids sleep a bit better. My daughters ( 3 years old and 5 months old) have been woken up by amplified noise more than once.

Anonymous

8/26/2022 10:21 AM

Would make life in Boulder more enjoyable.

Anonymous

8/26/2022 10:36 AM

Even though we are several blocks from the core of the Hill, sound travels to us from loud parties. Making clear that raucous parties are inappropriate in a residential neighborhood at any time of day will help to set an expectation that a residential community is considerate of its members. We still do not have air conditioning and rely on open windows in the summer to cool our home (perhaps those days are ending) so when super loud noise occurs it creates a sense of being driven from one's home. I also have neighbors with PTSD who find loud noise creates anxiety.

Anonymous

Not sure. Wish you would enforce the loud vehicles that have been



8/26/2022 07:03 PM

modified to be noisy.

Anonymous

8/29/2022 07:46 AM

Not much, almost all daytime noise is either heavy vehicle traffic, construction on the new buildings, or sirens and this will likely not affect those.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 06:35 AM

Help control unruly parties by CU stab dents in rentals

Anonymous

8/30/2022 09:37 AM

None

Anonymous

8/30/2022 09:43 AM

Any reduction in noise

Anonymous

8/30/2022 09:49 AM

I am concerned about this ordinance limiting community events

Anonymous

8/30/2022 10:12 AM

Excellent for wildlife - excellent for my ears and my peace.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 10:31 AM

Hopefully will encourage patrolmen/women to issue tickets - today some officers ask callers to be listed as complainant

Anonymous

8/30/2022 10:39 AM

ability to have reasonable noise compared to the City at large.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 11:58 AM

Maintain current neighborhood standards

Anonymous

8/30/2022 12:19 PM

Not many. I am more concerned about all the street racing, Harley Davidsons and Pocket Rocket motor cycles that race through the residential neighborhoods at speeds in excess of 60 MPH with their engines roaring so loud my teeth chatter. There seems to be no enforcement of either speed or sound from these vehicles. Loud music played during the day in the distance is far less intrusive.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 01:46 PM

We would support ordinances that would make for a quieter neighborhood

Anonymous

8/30/2022 03:40 PM

Maybe it would help daytime parties

Anonymous

8/30/2022 05:27 PM

We'd be less worried about noise levels especially during football season, less worried about young people partying out of control and their safety especially around the Hill area where there is lots of traffic.

**Optional question** (37 response(s), 1 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

### Q3 What negative impacts would the proposed changes have on your neighborhood?

Anonymous

8/16/2022 07:00 AM

None! I have even had students tell me they can't study in their houses because the neighborhood is too loud. This is a win-win for all!

Anonymous

8/16/2022 08:25 AM

None other than some disruptive residents will be inconvenienced, to the benefit of the vast majority.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 08:31 AM

None

Anonymous

8/16/2022 09:09 AM

Frustration, if not enforced.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:02 AM

It does not go far enough. Need stricter enforcement especially on group living situations, landlords and tenants.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:04 AM

We need to do more to make our neighborhood livable, so I consider these changes as a step in the right direction. We need to continue to do more to bring about positive change.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:24 AM

None.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:45 AM

None.

Anonymous  
8/16/2022 12:11 PM  
some people may decide to react against the changes for the sake of not wanting to accept these changes

Anonymous  
8/16/2022 12:39 PM  
None.

Anonymous  
8/16/2022 12:42 PM  
none

Anonymous  
8/16/2022 01:05 PM  
Could be used against neighbors having backyard gatherings. but most likely those noise complaints are much fewer and farther between daily student gatherings

Anonymous  
8/16/2022 02:15 PM  
None

Anonymous  
8/16/2022 02:30 PM  
No negative impacts except as stated above - it does not do enough. Landlords should be held accountable at a 3 strikes and you are out - license revoked.

Anonymous  
8/16/2022 03:26 PM  
None at all. It would not impinge on the students either.

Anonymous  
8/16/2022 05:00 PM  
None

Anonymous  
8/19/2022 08:14 AM  
None that I can think of.

Anonymous  
8/20/2022 03:52 PM  
None.

Anonymous  
8/24/2022 09:58 PM  
in our area I can't imagine a negative impact

Anonymous  
8/25/2022 09:19 PM  
None.

Anonymous  
8/26/2022 10:21 AM  
None. No negative impact.

Anonymous

8/26/2022 10:36 AM

I think none. I get that students think that loud music is part of the college experience, and encourage CU to make those opportunities available on campus or at the bandshell within appropriate hours.

Anonymous

8/26/2022 07:03 PM

None

Anonymous

8/29/2022 07:46 AM

None, we should have the right to some peace and quiet. I do support these changes, the real question is if they would actually be enforced.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 06:35 AM

None

Anonymous

8/30/2022 09:37 AM

More rules. There is already too many rules as there is and this just isn't a problem.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 09:43 AM

none

Anonymous

8/30/2022 10:12 AM

none

Anonymous

8/30/2022 10:31 AM

cannot see any

Anonymous

8/30/2022 10:39 AM

Zero

Anonymous

8/30/2022 11:58 AM

None

Anonymous

8/30/2022 12:19 PM

What good does it do to add yet another ordinance when the one in effect for the night hours is not enforced?

Anonymous

8/30/2022 01:46 PM

NONE

Anonymous

8/30/2022 03:40 PM

Not any I can think of

Anonymous

8/30/2022 05:27 PM

Can't think of any, only positives

Anonymous

8/30/2022 05:40 PM

Swim meets with amplified starters would not be able to happen on weekends, local races will not be able to amplified, block parties with amplified music would not be able to happen, the ice cream truck would not be able to alert the kids in neighborhoods that they have arrived! With COVID, many more things have moved outside for the betterment of all. I expect that to continue. How will schools be able to amplify their outdoor events with the new ordinance? I just hosted my mother's celebration of life outside with amplification - how would that be addressed?

**Optional question** (36 response(s), 2 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

#### Q4 | What else would you like us to know?

Anonymous

8/16/2022 07:00 AM

Please pass this common sense ordinance!

Anonymous

8/16/2022 08:25 AM

We desperately need support from the City council, staff and law enforcement to help sustain and enhance livability of the University Hill neighborhood. CU administration and the vast majority of students don't appreciate the excessive noise and fireworks and general nuisance behavior common in the neighborhood - it is driven by a relatively small cohort of students. By passing this ordinance the City will actually be helping all neighbors - permanent residents and students alike.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 08:31 AM

Party behavior particularly firework ignition is dangerous and out of control.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 09:09 AM

The noise issue not exaggerated. It undermines quality of life and has genuine mental health consequences for homeowners, renters, and animals. The explosions and parties late into the night turns one of Boulder's treasured neighborhoods a place akin to a jungle.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:02 AM

Enforcement (vigorous and rapid) is the key.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:04 AM

I love living where I do and I would like my neighborhood to be family friendly and peaceful.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:24 AM

The noise ordinance for evening hours, starting at 11pm is not ideal for working individuals. The next step should be to consider 10pm to 7am.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 11:45 AM

It seems to me that the real problem, at its root, is a housing and zoning problem. Between the lack of enforcement of housing code violations, unkempt yards and over-occupancy, the Hill seems like a place where anything goes. It is less true west of 9th St, although the noise violations and fireworks certainly effect us here. Please look at the bigger picture. There are many universities where the neighborhoods around the campus are not slums. In fact, it used to be so much better in Boulder.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 12:11 PM

having lived here for almost 9 years our neighborhood has gotten progressively worse. the last 3 or so years ( around the start of the pandemic ) have felt like living in a "Gaza Strip" environment with avalanche mortars going off at random times at night for weeks at a time.. The amount of loud parties and total lack of civility has been amplified by what feels a grand lack of enforcement. No occupancy enforcements, no trash/littering enforcement and only a few warnings given has led to a culture of entitlement and this needs to be addressed. Most residents ( including students ) are here for a healthy, communal and quality of enjoyment of life. Lets address this head on and bring forward clear standards and enforcements

Anonymous

8/16/2022 12:39 PM

These ordinances needs to be enforced.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 01:05 PM

None of these ordinances have any impact without enforcement. We need more code enforcement on the hill for existing laws on the books. We also need police that live on the hill and walk the hill to understand the concerns regarding noise, drinking and vandalism. It honestly is not very hard to find the people causing all the noise. Just get on a bike, walk around or roll down your window and in about 5 minutes you can usually pinpoint where the noise is coming from.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 02:15 PM

We have waited for years for the city to institute changes that will make a real difference on University Hill. If permanent residents did not live on the Hill, the crime rate would go up because people prey on students, especially when they are drunk. Please begin the

process of returning the Hill to a civilized environment by passing the updated noise ordinance for everyone's sake.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 02:30 PM

There are hi-tech ways to address the firecracker problem. Just do it.

Anonymous

8/16/2022 03:26 PM

The neighborhood is adversely affected by the loud music, loud drinking parties, fireworks and cars speeding thru the streets. Please implement the noise ordinance.

Anonymous

8/19/2022 08:14 AM

The ordinance seems to reference loudspeakers. That's not a problem in our part of the neighborhood. Here are the primary noise problems in our area: speeding cars and enormous trucks on Baseline Road and 13TH St. Dogs barking all day. Fireworks at night.

Anonymous

8/20/2022 03:52 PM

Please please help us restore a little more balance to living in Boulder. No one is asking for a perfectly quiet city, but the current state of things is untenable for most of us living in Boulder. Thank you for your service.

Anonymous

8/24/2022 09:58 PM

Residents, regardless of age, should be able to enjoy living on the Hill and not feel the need to be tattletales for police interaction. There will be parties and noise here and there, which is to be expected in this part of the City. The all-day-music-blaring parties should not be the norm.

Anonymous

8/25/2022 09:19 PM

Being close to CU we do expect some lively neighbors. But, this will help relations between student population and homeowners/ families. Having a clear expectations helps everyone.

Anonymous

8/26/2022 10:21 AM

Can these noise rules be applied to cars that have illegally modified exhaust systems?

Anonymous

8/26/2022 10:36 AM

Thank you for catching the guys that were doing most of the disrupting fireworks damage last year. They really were disrupting the neighborhood - people could not sleep. I also think it would be helpful to have an opportunity to report noise complaints on line. The city needs to know how often this happens, but it seems excessive to keep calling the B Police non-emergency line. Thanks.

Anonymous

8/26/2022 07:03 PM

It does no good to create codes you don't enforce and it's unfair if you only selectively enforce it enforce based on complaint only.

Anonymous

8/29/2022 07:46 AM

Construction and truck noise is fine and doesn't bother me in the slightest as it's necessary. Most unpleasant noise we deal with comes from obnoxiously loud exhaust from cars and motorcycles which should be banned, or emergency vehicle sirens, which have to be so ridiculously loud and piercing as to be heard by other drivers. Why should I have to hear a dozen sirens a day when I'm in my own apartment. We should change to european hi-lo sirens of a lower volume.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 09:37 AM

Please stop adding stupid city rules just to add stupid city rules.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 09:43 AM

Will this be applied to motor vehicles? Loud car/truck/motorcycle exhaust systems and stereo noise needs to be addressed!

Anonymous

8/30/2022 10:12 AM

NOTE: this seems to just apply to speakers - but honestly, gas-powered mowers, weed whackers and leaf blowers AND loud cars, trucks, and motorcycles whose drivers seem to wish to amplify the decibels of their vehicles driving through our steep neighborhood near 15th and King Ave are much more the problem. Could this change also eliminate those sources of noise? It would be deeply appreciated.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 10:31 AM

Would prefer that the hours of stricter rules began earlier than 11 pm  
- Especially weekdays!

Anonymous

8/30/2022 10:39 AM

You MUST make the penalties harsher for the high grade explosives(Fireworks) that are launched in the neighborhoods. They currently are only ticketed with "using fireworks without a permit" which is a joke. This is more disruptive and dangerous than any amplified music.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 11:58 AM

Our town house complex is near a Saloon that recently opened AX throwing and Rayback, both that generate disturbing noise. It's important for Boulder to keep a lid on the hours they are open as well as the activities during biz hours.

Anonymous

Simply putting up a sign or creating yet another ordinance without

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8/30/2022 12:19 PM

enforcement is a waste of time. Whatever happened to the "20 is Plenty" campaign? Or the ban on camping along Boulder Creek? Neither one of these ordinances is enforced with any regularity so minimal benefit is obtained. Signs without enforcement are meaningless and this applies to ordinances that no one knows are in effect.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 01:46 PM

I would hope that any new ordinance would be enforced! We have complained numerous times about the amplified music on Pearl Street and have never been satisfied with the responses we have gotten. Also, the leaf blowers have become a terrible nuisance over the years. It would be great to have noise ordinance that limits the decibels. Years ago I heard that Seattle has such an ordinance.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 03:40 PM

So there is no help about noisy neighbors that are right behind you (bedroom window isn't anywhere near 100 ft from property line) and nothing for the large percentage of people that go to bed well before 11.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 05:27 PM

We experienced the medicine cabinet vibrating on the wall and difficulty hearing our own radio during football weekends. We like students, but loud parties seem to encourage uninvited guests and parties expanding beyond even the host expectations because people can hear the music from far away. Even if you pass the new ordinance, the key is enforcement.

Anonymous

8/30/2022 05:40 PM

We have very few amplified noise events in our area (i.e. we are not on the hill) and it is possible to live around those events and enjoy the fun that those few events bring to our neighborhood. Perhaps it is worth considering specific areas where the noise is constant and tackling those problem areas first. I think there will be unintended consequences applying no amplification across all of Boulder.

**Optional question** (33 response(s), 5 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question