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To: Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Steve Parker, City Manager

Date: February 16, 2024

Re: Noise Ordinance Memo

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In November of 2023, the Seguin Police Department gave a presentation on the City of Seguin noise ordinance. This presentation compared Seguin's current city noise ordinance with other surrounding jurisdictions. That presentation is attached to this agenda item. City staff have worked together to propose a new City noise ordinance which we feel will give Seguin PD clear direction to properly enforce noise issues within our community.

The proposed new decibel levels for the community will be:

Up to 85 decibels during daytime which is from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays)

Up to 75 decibels during nighttime which is from 10 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. (from 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays)

These proposed levels are representative of what other communities are doing in regard to noise levels. This ordinance also proposes a sound permit for those entities who might be requesting a variance from sound levels such as a Monster Truck Show. We are proposing that Sound Permits be approved by City Council. Construction Sound Permits are separate and apart from Sound Permits, and are processed by the Chief Building Official, with rights of appeal to the City Council.