



City of San Luis Obispo Noise Ordinance Modifications

Disturbances caused by loud noises, music and parties have been identified as a significant problem in San Luis Obispo. Due to continuing issues related to noise and parties in City neighborhoods, the San Luis Obispo City Council adopted several amendments to the City's Noise Ordinance contained in section 9.12.050 of the Municipal Code. The modifications went into effect on March 5, 2010 and the notable changes are detailed below:

- **Violators are only eligible to receive one warning before receiving a citation.**
Previously, violators of the noise ordinance were eligible to receive several warnings each year before receiving a citation. Now, violators may be eligible to receive only one warning in any nine month period. When a Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) employee or a SLOPD officer issues a Disturbance Advisement Card (DAC) warning, the residence will be immediately placed on the "No Warning" list and remain on the list for nine months. Any further noise complaints received for that residence while on the "No Warning" list may result in a SLOPD officer being dispatched and citation issued to the violator. Violations of the Noise Ordinance are subject to the following administrated fines:

1st Violation: \$350.00
2nd Violation: \$700.00 for a second violation within a 12 month period
3rd Violation: \$1000.00 for third and subsequent violations within a 12 month period

- **Property Owners will also be issued citations**
When a tenant is issued a DAC, SLOPD will send a letter to the property owner notifying them of the violation and indicating that the residence is now on the "No Warning" list. When a tenant is issued a noise citation, the property owner will also be issued an Administration Citation. Fines for Administrative Citations issued to property owners are as follows:

1st Violation: \$350.00
2nd Violation: \$700.00 for a second violation within a 12 month period
3rd Violation: \$1000.00 for third and subsequent violations within a 12 month period

- **Petition for Early Removal from "No Warning" List**
If a complete turnover in tenants occurs at a property that is one the "No Warning" list, the property owner or property manager may apply to the Police Department for early removal from the list. Proof of complete tenant turnover is required for the residence to be removed from the "No Warning" list. Petitions for removal are found on the website at www.slocity.org/police/pdfs/earlyremoval.pdf

- **Citation Appeals**
Both tenants and property owners may appeal citations. Appeals must be made in writing, within 10 days of the date received and must be mailed or hand delivered to City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Appeals are heard monthly by a third party Hearing Officer who will either dismiss or uphold the citation. The Hearing Officer may not reduce fines and community service in lieu of fines is not offered.