

REGULATIONS FOR USE OF SOUND TRUCKS

COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL USE of sound trucks in the City of Grand Rapids with sound amplifying equipment in operation shall be subject to the following regulations:

1. The only sounds permitted are music or human speech.
2. OPERATION OF SOUND TRUCKS ON ANY PUBLIC STREET, SIDEWALK OR ALLEY ARE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING HOURS ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY:
 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

USE OF SOUND TRUCKS ON ANY PUBLIC STREET, SIDEWALK OR ALLEY IS NOT PERMITTED ON SUNDAYS. SOUND TRUCK OPERATION IS ALSO PERMITTED IN INDUSTRIAL ZONES ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CITY OWNED PARKS: PERMITTED HOURS FOR USE, EXCEPT ON SUNDAY, ARE AS FOLLOWS: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

ON SUNDAY PERMITTED HOURS ARE: 1:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

3. Sound amplifying equipment shall not be operated unless the sound truck upon which such equipment is mounted is moving at a speed of at least ten (10) miles per hour, except when said sound truck is stopped or impeded by traffic or is lawfully parked within 300 feet of an industrial or commercial establishment in connection with a labor question involving such establishment.

When stopped by traffic the sound amplifying equipment shall not be operated for a period longer than one minute at each stop. When lawfully parked within 300 feet of an industrial or commercial establishment, under the conditions set forth above, the sound amplifying equipment shall not be operated for a period longer than thirty minutes while the sound truck is parked.

The provisions of this sub-section shall not be applicable to the use of amplifying equipment in public parks or other places not including public streets, sidewalks or alleys.

4. Sound amplifying equipment of sound trucks shall not be operated within three hundred (300) feet of a hospital, school, church or courthouse.
5. No sound truck with its sound amplifying equipment in operation shall be operated on the following streets between the points designated:
 - Monroe Ave. between Michigan St. and Fulton St.
 - Fulton St. between Market Ave. and Jefferson Ave.
 - Division Ave. between Michigan St. and Wealthy St.

6. The human speech and music amplified shall not be profane, obscene, lewd, indecent or slanderous.
7. No sound amplifying equipment shall be operated in such a manner that its output shall exceed fifteen (15) watts of audio power and shall be controlled so that the audio power delivered by the loud speaker shall not exceed thirty-four (34) decibels at any time.