

Staff Report

RE: Amendment to County Noise Ordinance

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Kittitas County's current Noise Ordinance, Ch. 9.45 KCC, was held unconstitutional by Judge Hurson because it is vague. The Prosecutor's Office has drafted a replacement/amendment to said ordinance that provides objective standards that will be legally enforceable. This draft provides a standard so as to avoid the problem of vagueness, and reduces the issue to a civil infraction rather than being a crime. This draft is largely a copy of Yakima County's existing ordinance.