

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Office of the Governor
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

REGULATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD
FOR THE CONTROL OF NOISE POLLUTION
AMENDED VERSION

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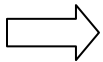
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Amplifiers and Similar Devices**

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**Exterior Loudspeakers, Public Address Systems, and
Similar Devices**

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Nighttime

Period between 10:01 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.

Property Boundary

The contiguous limit of the sound generating site.

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ARTICLE IV - NOISE EMISSION LEVELS AMONG ZONES





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Sound Level Limits

No person shall permit or cause the emission of any sound, which upon **crossing the property boundaries of the sound source site** shall exceeds the limits set forth in Table I, as measured at or within the proper receiving zone, as these zones are defined in Article I:

TABLE I
 NOISE LEVEL LIMITS
 dB (A)
 Noise Level Exceeded 10% of the
 Measurement Period (L10)

Emitting Source	Receiving Zones							
	Zone I (Res.)		Zone II (Com.)		Zone III (Indus.)		Zone IV (Quiet)	
	Day Time	Night Time	Day Time	Night Time	Day Time	Night Time	Day Time	Night Time
Zone I (Res.)	60	50	65	55	70	60	50	45
⇒ Zone II (Com.)	65	50	70	60	75	65	50	45
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Current Noise Problem – Resources and Discussion

After several years of “enduring till 1AM and longer” outside music paloozas at the AEELA building and El Ancla Flotante (the bar at the fountain, or what was supposed to be a fountain) and, at times, the round tower, we have finally obtained a set of regulations from the Environmental Quality Board of Puerto Rico regarding noise pollution, including the serious fine schedule and potential criminal charges for those in charge of these nuisance events . The code can be found

here:http://temasactuales.com/laws_policies/legislation_Puerto%20Rico.html

The English translation of the Noise code:

http://www.playasanta.org/docs/noise/ENGLISH_noise_code_OCR.pdf

- All amplified speaker systems are prohibited after 10:01 PM till 7:00 AM
- The maximum dB level at the property line of the offender is 65 dB – 70 dB. (lawn mower sound) — at the event. Just that one can hear this event, with annoyance, at about a half mile away is reason to stop the amplification!
- The resistance of law enforcement and elected government to resolve this ongoing violation in itself can suggest criminality or complicity.

The lack of enforcement of the public code is inexcusable and harms property values.

The code sign at the malecon is bullet riddled, garbage everywhere, public urination and defecation are the norm, glass bottles on the beach, alcohol on the beach, unregulated parking, banner advertising, lack of property maintenance, ignorance of soil erosion law to the point the bay is a mud bath harming aquatic life, along with unregulated construction and blatant ignorance of zoning law. The solution begins with enforcing the law!

Please help us resolve these issues, comply with the law, and build property values at Playa Santa.

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In a recent write up about Playa Santa, Puerto Rico Day Trips noted that it is a favorite place for kids because the “laws are not enforced!”



Popular Local Beach

This beach is very popular with locals, and there is a large apartment complex right there that is a vacation center (Centro Vacacional Playa Santa) that government employees can rent for vacations. This means that on weekends, holidays and summer months, you can expect LOADS of people and LOTS of boat and watercraft in the area. It can get to be quite a party scene. **There are Public Ordinances of the rules posted, but I don't think they are really enforced.** We only saw spaces for about 20 cars on this dead end street.

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The bullet riddled sign:

ADMINISTRATIVES NORMS AND SANCTIONS		
ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	TICKET
Article 0.2	Prohibition of sales and dispatch of alcoholic beverages to under age of 18 years old.	\$500.00
Article 0.3	Curfew for under age of 14 years old.	\$150.00 \$300.00 \$500.00
Article 0.4	Prohibition of sales, dispatch and consume beverages in cristal bottles.	\$200.00
Article 0.5	Prohibition of unnecessary noises.	\$100.00
Article 0.6	Deposit and pick-up of rubble.	\$500.00
Article 0.7	Prohibition of sidewalk obstruction.	\$100.00
Article 0.8	Prohibition about use of water fountain.	\$100.00
Article 0.9	Disposition about moral and good manners.	\$100.00
Article 0.10	About protection of our natural resources and environment.	\$100.00
Article 0.11	Transit control in rural and urban areas.	By Veh. and Trans. Law
Article 0.12	Prohibition of solicit economic aid, aggressively beg and maraud.	\$100.00 \$200.00
Article 0.13	Regulations about equine and bovine cattle.	\$100.00
Article 0.14	Permanence of animals in municipal facilities.	\$100.00
Article 0.15	Prohibition of sales or dispatch of alcoholic beverages for consume outside of commercial business. (See Code for exceptions).	\$200.00
Article 0.16	Prohibition of consume alcoholic beverages for driver or passenger of a vehicle or means of transportation.	\$200.00
Article 0.17	Prohibition of sales, dispatch or consume alcoholic beverages from vehicles, coolers, trucks or carts.	\$200.00
Article 0.18	Prohibition of sale, dispatch, donation or distribution of cigars and cigarettes or any kind of tobacco's preparation to under age of 18 years old.	\$500.00
Article 0.19	Prohibition of throwing garbage.	\$100.00
Article 0.20	Prohibition to make physiologic functions or dishonest exposures of any people in thoroughfare, sidewalk, avenues, ways, squares or public places under code jurisdiction.	\$500.00
Article 0.21	Prohibition of repair means of transportation in public places of city centre in Guanica Town, Ensenada Neighbourhood and the others sectors, demarcated in the code.	\$100.00 \$250.00
Article 0.22	Prohibition to be or to remain in sidewalk and throughfare, squares, public sites, recreation places under effects or drugs or controled substances.	\$500.00
Article 0.23	Prohibition of to drive Four Track, Go Kart and others means of transportation which do not contemplate in the Transit Law.	\$200.00
Article 0.24	Prohibition to operate commercial business without licence or permissions required for law.	\$500.00