

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance amending Bellevue City Code (BCC) Chapter 9.18, Noise Control, to expand exemption days and hours for amplified sound; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 28, after discussion in Study Session, Council directed staff to finalize this Ordinance for approval. The Ordinance is a Bellevue City Code Amendment (BCCA) to expand exemption days and hours for amplified sound to better support smaller events and activations, consistent with the Economic Development Plan.

## RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6657

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

### Background

This Ordinance will amend Chapter 9.18 BCC, Noise Control, to extend exemption days and hours for the use of sound amplification equipment with a Noise Permit. The expanded exemption days and hours will not be applicable to any other source of noise. This BCCA will amend the time limit, differentiating between weekdays and weekends, and will remove the ban on amplified sound on Sundays and legal holidays, as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday
- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday

This BCCA will not change existing maximum permissible noise levels applicable to all sources of noise, including amplified sound. A final strike-draft of the BCCA is provided as Attachment A.

On March 28, Council reviewed this BCCA, including the draft Ordinance. Following discussion, Council directed staff to finalize an Ordinance for the BCCA, as drafted, for approval.

## POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

### Policy Impact

This BCCA will advance strategies in the Economic Development Plan and Destination Development Plan.

### Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing this BCCA.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance amending Bellevue City Code (BCC) Chapter 9.18, Noise Control, to expand exemption days and hours for amplified sound; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. BCCA Final Strike-Draft  
Proposed Ordinance No. 6657

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N/A