

**ORDINANCE NO. (2025) 702**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS NOISE-RELATED HARM CAUSED BY NIGHTLIFE ESTABLISHMENTS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA that:**

**Section 1.** Sections 12-2120 and 12-2121 of the Raleigh City Code are hereby amended to add the underlined language where noted below and to delete the language shown as stricken through:

~~“Secs. 12-2120, 12-2121 RESERVED.~~

**Sec. 12-2120. NOISE CONTAINMENT REQUIRED.**

If a criminal or civil citation is issued for a violation of any provision contained in §§12-5001 through 12-5010 of the Code for noise occurring at the *nightlife establishment*, the *permittee shall* immediately cease any outdoor amplified sound and *shall* not provide further outdoor amplified sound for twenty-four (24) hours. *Amplified sound may* continue during this twenty-four hour period so long as the sound originates within a structure and is not conveyed outside the structure by any means, including but not limited to exterior loudspeakers, open windows, open doors except entrance doors when opened as needed for ingress and egress, or any other means which conveys or facilitates amplified sound being conveyed from inside the confines of the building to the outside of the building.

**Sec. 12-2121. – RESERVED.”**

**Section 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

**Section 3.** If this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given separate effect and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall be enforced as provided in N.C.G.S. 160A-175 or as provided in the Raleigh City Code.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

**Adopted:** January 7, 2025

**Effective:** January 7, 2025

**Distribution:** Management Team

*This ordinance prepared by the Raleigh City Attorney's Office*