
Noise Ordinance on Agenda

Contributed by Clay News Editor

Barking dogs and other sounds could lead to fine and / or jail time if an ordinance read at the July 21 council meeting is passed.

The proposed ordinance came after the council received complaints from residents of noise coming from roosters and musicians.

One business owner complained about a barking dog in a house next to her business, disturbing massage customers.

One resident from Cosby Lake Estates asked the council to do something about a neighbor who put speakers on the driveway and played music such that he felt he had to stay inside his house.

On Bridget Circle, a few roosters have led to the Clay Planning and Zoning Commission trying to figure out if the poultry are pets or livestock. Steven Archer, whose son owns the chickens, said he did not want Clay to turn into Trussville where he was told he had to bring his dog inside because it was barking, even though he said the neighbor was making the dog bark.

Previously, Mayor Charles Hart has responded to complaints of noise saying that it is a difficult thing to endorse. But the one now being considered was taken from the City of Birmingham and was adopted by Adamsville. Hart said that while there is still some subjectivity, the fact that other cities have had it for years without enforcement problems is why he brought this one to the council. But Hart said some things may need to be tweaked in the proposed ordinance before the council adopts it. The council is expected to discuss the ordinance and possibly vote on it at the August 4 meeting.