



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Noise Concerns on Newport Road Corridor

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

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REVIEWED BY: Chris Karrer, Interim Police Chief

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Receive and file.

DISCUSSION

At the September 21, 2022, City Council meeting, a question was raised regarding vehicular noise concerns on the Newport Road corridor in the City of Meniffee. Staff is returning at this time to present information related to current enforcement options related to vehicular noise concerns on City roadways.

The Newport Road corridor is a high noise traffic corridor bordered by businesses and residential properties. The “bordering” of these properties along the Newport Road corridor means that the properties in question are generally separated from the corridor by a pedestrian sidewalk, or a combination of a pedestrian sidewalk and a cinder block wall of approximately 7’ in height. The cinder block walls act as a sound barrier. Cinder block walls can be found adjacent to residential properties that line the corridor.

Newport Road has three lanes of travel in each direction, with multiple left turn pockets being designated at most intersections. Newport Road is a main thoroughfare for those traveling east and west through the City. The corridor accommodates access for local residents, business goers, and long-distance commuters. For these reasons, vehicular traffic along the corridor can be plentiful during all hours of the day. The increase in business centers along the corridor has also increased the flow of delivery truck traffic which requires the use of the corridor to access these local businesses.

The large quantities of vehicular traffic bring in a large amount of vehicular noise. Menifee Police Department personnel work to mitigate unreasonable vehicular traffic noise by enforcing existing state and local laws within City limits, to include the Newport Road corridor. The following are current laws the Menifee Police Department has at its disposal to help mitigate unreasonable vehicular noise:

California Vehicle Code

1. California Vehicle Code 27007: Regulates loud sound systems from vehicles.
2. California Vehicle Code 27000: Regulates unreasonable or harsh sounds from a vehicle's horn.
3. California Vehicle Code Section 27150(a): Regulates vehicles with loud mufflers or loud exhaust systems.
4. California Vehicle Code Section 27151(a): Regulates modified exhaust systems.

Department personnel will continue to work to enforce traffic laws along the Newport Road corridor that help to mitigate unreasonable noise from vehicles on the roadway.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Safe and Vibrant Community

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

ATTACHMENTS

None.