

ORDINANCE NO. 1531

AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE HOOD RIVER MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO NOISE STANDARDS FOR HEAT PUMPS AND OTHER MECHANICAL DEVICES.

THE CITY OF HOOD RIVER ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A new Section 15.04.085 shall be added to the Hood River Municipal Code which shall read as follows:

"15.04.085 Heat Pumps and Mechanical Devices. The following standards shall govern the issuance of permits and noise levels of heat pump and other mechanical installations:

A. Existing Heat Pumps and Mechanical devices. No person owning or controlling an existing commercial or residential heat pump or mechanical device shall cause or permit operation of that noise source if the noise levels generated by the heat pump or mechanical device exceed 50 dba as measured within 25 feet of the nearest residential structure on an adjacent parcel of land.

B. New Heat Pump and Mechanical Installations. Effective upon adoption of this Section, no person shall install, or operate, a commercial or residential heat pump or mechanical device if noise levels from its operation exceed 45 dba within 25 feet of the nearest residential structure on an adjacent parcel of land, or within 25 feet of the property line of any adjacent unoccupied parcel of land zoned for residential use.

C. Permit Requirement. No person shall install a commercial or residential heat pump or mechanical device prior to submitting a permit application to the Building Official and receiving approval. All applications shall certify that the operation of the heat pump or mechanical device will meet the provisions of Section 2 using the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute Standards for Application for Sound Rated Outdoor Unitary Equipment (Standard 275).

D. Enforcement Responsibility. It shall be the responsibility of the Building Official to assure all provisions of this Section are met prior to issuing an installation permit for a heat pump or mechanical device.

E. Variances. Where practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships, or results inconsistent with the provisions of this section exist, a variance not to exceed five percent (5%) of the maximum noise levels permitted herein may be granted by the Building Official. Any person dissatisfied with the decision of the Building Official may appeal such decision in writing to the City Council

within 10 days of such decision. The City Council may grant a variance to the extent that the Council finds the variance to be consistent with the terms of this Section."

Read for the first time: March 28, 1983

Read for the second time: April 25, 1983

PASSED by the Council of the City of Hood River, this 25th day of April, 1983.

Dorothy M. Sywers
Dorothy M. Sywers, City Recorder

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOOD RIVER this 25th day of April, 1983.

James T. Walker
James T. Walker, Mayor