

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**TO BE ENTITLED**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DIVISION II, PART 6,  
LICENSING AND REGULATION, CHAPTER 1, BUSINESS AND  
OCCUPATIONS, ARTICLE R, TOUR SERVICES FOR HIRE,  
DIVISION 2, TOUR SERVICE VEHICLES, SECTION 6-1514,  
TO REQUIRE SOUND CONTROL DEVICES IN OPEN AIR  
TROLLIES AND OPEN AIR SHUTTLE TOUR SERVICE VEHICLES,  
AND SECTION 6-1517, TO PROHIBIT EMANATION OF EXCESSIVE  
NOISE FROM OPEN AIR TROLLEY AND OPEN AIR SHUTTLE TOUR  
SERVICE VEHICLES; TO PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE DATES; TO REPEAL  
ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to the lawful authority thereof:

**SECTION 1:** That Section 6-1514, currently reserved for future use, of Division 2, Tour Service Vehicles, of Article R, Tour Services for Hire, of Chapter 1, Business and Occupations, of Part 6, Licensing and Regulation, of Division II of the Code of the City of Savannah be amended as follows:

**Sec. 6-1514. Sound control devices – open air trollies and open air shuttles.**

(a) Purpose. This section is intended to regulate unreasonably intrusive levels of amplified sound emanating from open air trolley and open air shuttle tour service vehicles so as to minimize sound nuisances and disturbances experienced by persons not otherwise patronizing trolley or shuttle tour vehicle services.

(b) Sound control devices required. All open air trolley and open air shuttle tour service vehicles that utilize any amplified sound shall be equipped with amplified sound control devices, such as directional speakers or in-ear technology. These devices should be employed to reasonably ensure that no amplified sound emanates from the open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service vehicle that is plainly audible at a distance

of fifteen feet or greater, in any direction, from the body of the open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service vehicle.

(c) Enforcement. Enforcement officers shall be authorized to inspect open air trolley and open air shuttle tour service vehicles for compliance with this section.

(d) Implementation. The owner and/or operator of each and every open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service vehicle shall ensure compliance with this section pursuant to the following schedule:

- (1) 35% of its fleet shall achieve compliance within 12 months of the effective date of this ordinance.
- (2) 75% of its fleet shall achieve compliance within 24 months of the effective date of this ordinance.
- (3) 100% of its fleet shall achieve compliance within 36 months of the effective date of this ordinance.
- (4) Any open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service owner and/or operator not registered with the City upon the effective date of this ordinance shall ensure full compliance with this section prior to commencing operation within the City's jurisdictional limits.

**SECTION 2:** That Section 6-1517, currently reserved for future use, of Division 2, Tour Service Vehicles, of Article R, Tour Services for Hire, of Chapter 1, Business and Occupations, of Part 6, Licensing and Regulation, of Division II of the Code of the City of Savannah be amended as follows:

**Sec. 6-1517. Excessive noise – open air trollies and open air shuttles.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service vehicle owner or operator to cause or allow amplified sound, produced by, but not limited to, radios, tape players, or other mechanical sound-producing devices or instruments, to emanate from within the open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service vehicle if such amplified sound is plainly audible at a distance of fifteen feet or greater, in any direction, from the body of the open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service vehicle.

(b) Every open air trolley and open air shuttle tour service vehicle when operated within the City of Savannah shall be equipped with a horn, bell or whistle or other warning device in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 200 feet, but no horn or other warning device shall emit an unreasonably loud or harsh sound or a whistle. The driver of an open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service vehicle shall, when it is reasonably necessary to ensure safe operation, give audible warning with his or her warning device but shall not otherwise use such horn, bell or whistle or other warning device.

**SECTION 3:** That subsection (b) of Section 6-1532, Loudspeakers, of Division 2, Tour Service Vehicles, of Article R, Tour Services for Hire, of Chapter 1, Business and Occupations, of Part 6, Licensing and Regulation, of Division II of the Code of the City of Savannah shall be repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 4:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5:** These amendments shall become effective upon the Mayor affixing his signature below.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Van R. Johnson II, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council