

Charitable Organizations Instructions

1. Tax exemptions do not automatically exempt you from a business license. Please provide a copy of your Article of Incorporation or Charter and/or any documentation presented to the IRS to receive tax exemption status. Also please submit a brief description of what your organization will be doing in the City limits.
2. Tax exempt corporations should register with our office by filling out our “Charitable Organizations Application”. A \$50.00 processing fee will be required on all non-profit applications (per location).
3. All tax-exempt corporations are subject to all ordinances of the City of Greenville, including, but not limited to, the sections of the ordinance below.



Office Use Only: Year _____ NPB # _____
Entered By _____ C/O # _____

Charitable Organizations Application

REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Applicant)

- Name of registrant: _____
Address of registrant: _____
Phone number of registrant: _____
Email Address: _____

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

- Name of organization with whom affiliated: _____
Address of organization: _____
Phone number of organization: _____
- Date of this registration: _____
- Federal identification number: _____
- Certificate of occupancy number: _____
- Does the Organization File Federal Form 990 or 1023 if so which: _____

I, _____, hereby certify that I, and/or the organization that I represent and/or am a part of, have registered with the Secretary of State of South Carolina as a charitable organization per the terms of chapter 56 of Title 33 of the South Carolina Code; or have received a letter of exemption for such registration from the office of the Secretary of State. Evidence of such registration and/or exemption is submitted herewith and attached hereto.

I further certify that all charitable solicitations by me in the city of Greenville shall be subject to that registration with, or exemption letter from, the Secretary of State of South Carolina.

I understand that I am subject to all ordinances of the city of Greenville, including, but not limited to, particular sections 16-91 through 16-94, 24-214 and 42-46, copies of this provisions supplied to me.

Signature of registrant _____

NOTE: Include with this application.

- Mission/Purpose Statement
- All Bylaws and or Charter
- Listing of Officers of the Organization to include their titles.
- Copy of State of SC Non-Profit Certificate or Letter.
- \$50.00 Processing fee for Non-Profit application (Each location)

DIVISION 3. NOISE

Sec. 16-91. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. Except as otherwise provided, all words in this division shall be given their ordinary and customary meaning.

Ambient noise means the generally prevailing sound or combination of sounds at the location where a listener receives the sound of the noise about which a complaint is being made. It is the sound or combination of sounds which a person of ordinary sensibilities would reasonably expect to encounter at the location in the ordinary and customary use of the premises.

Central business district (CBD) means the downtown area, more particularly identified as zoning district C-4, as the boundaries may from time to time be amended or adjusted under the city's zoning ordinances.

Day and daytime mean the period between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. of the same calendar day.

Night and nighttime mean the period between the hours of 11:00 p.m. one calendar day and 7:00 a.m. the following calendar day.

(Code 1985, § 7-2-12; Ord. No. 96-26, § 2(7-2-12(k)), 4-22-96)

Cross reference(s)--Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 16-92. Prohibited noise generally.

Any noise of such character, intensity or duration which substantially interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of persons of ordinary sensibilities occupying, owning or controlling nearby properties, or persons making use of public properties for their intended purposes, is hereby declared to be unlawful and to be a nuisance, and is prohibited.

(Code 1985, § 7-2-12; Ord. No. 96-26, § 2(7-2-12(a)), 4-22-96)

Sec. 16-93. Standard of reasonableness and use of technology.

It is the intent of the city council in regulating noise to take into account the latest scientific advances in noise measurement and control while at the same time preserving the common sense and common law determination of what constitutes a disturbance or public nuisance. Therefore, technological sound level measurements, while desirable, shall not be required to demonstrate a violation of this division or any other ordinance or statute which establishes the creation of disturbance or public nuisance. Decibel level measurements less than those specified in this division may still establish a violation of this division when due regard is made for the time, place and circumstances of the noise.

(Code 1985, § 7-2-12; Ord. No. 96-26, § 2(7-2-12(b)), 4-22-96)

Sec. 16-94. Specific noises prohibited.

(a) Operation of certain instruments, devices and equipment. Nuisance noises shall include but not be limited to the use or operation of the following instruments, devices or pieces of equipment when operated in the manner prohibited by section 16-92:

- (1) Musical instruments.
- (2) Radios, receivers, stereos, televisions, disc players, tape players, and comparable mechanical and electronic devices which produce sound.
- (3) Loudspeakers, amplifiers or other devices which enhance or influence the level of sound in any way.
- (4) Mechanical devices operating by compressed air, such as pneumatic drills and jack hammers.
- (5) Horns, sirens and signal devices using loud, brash or harassing noises, whether on vehicles or otherwise.
- (6) Motor vehicle exhausts without mufflers or with inefficient or ineffective mufflers.
- (7) The human voice when used to yell, shout, scream or the like.
- (8) When operated at night, construction machinery, heavy duty equipment used in street repair and

maintenance, and domestic and commercial power tools, unless a permit is obtained.

(b) Continuous or repeated noises. Regardless of the level of sound, the following shall be deemed a nuisance and shall be prohibited under section 16-92:

(1) To keep any animal, including a bird, causing a frequent or long continued noise, such as barking, howling or screeching, disturbing the comfort and repose of any person of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity.

(2) To install or operate a burglar alarm system which uses an audible warning or bell without a functioning device that will shut off the warning or bell within 20 minutes after application of the system when the alarm cannot be readily or conveniently silenced manually by persons who are disturbed by its activation. Each activation of such an alarm that continues beyond 20 minutes shall be deemed a separate offense.

(Code 1985, § 7-2-12; Ord. No. 96-26, § 2(7-2-12(c), (d)), 4-22-96)

Sec. 24-214. Obstructing public property.

(a) It shall be unlawful for persons to obstruct any street, alley, park, square, public right-of-way or sidewalk by congregating in crowds.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct any street, alley, park, square, public right-of-way or sidewalk by sitting in chairs or on boxes or window sills or other objects within the limits of such street, alley, park, square, public right-of-way or sidewalk.

(Code 1985, § 7-2-6)

Sec. 42-46. Obstruction of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(a) Prohibited.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to obstruct any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or other public place or building by hindering or impeding, or tending to hinder or impede, the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles, traffic or pedestrians when such conduct occurs in any public place.

(2) As used in this subsection, the term "public place" shall be defined as any place to which the general public has access and the right to resort for business, entertainment or other lawful purpose. It shall also include the front or immediate area of any store, shop, restaurant, tavern or other place of business, and also public grounds or areas, public streets or public sidewalks.

(b) Enforcement. When any person causes or permits any of the conditions enumerated in subsection (a) of this section, a police officer or any law enforcement officer shall order that person to stop causing or committing such conditions and to move on, disperse and/or leave the premises. Any person who fails or refuses to obey such order shall be guilty of a violation of this section.

(c) Interpretation. This section shall not be construed so as to prohibit any lawful use of the public right-of-way.

(Code 1985, § 7-6-6760)

Sec. 8-281. Solicitation of occupants of vehicles.

No solicitation shall be permitted of any occupants of vehicles being operated on any public right-of-way, while such vehicles are either moving, standing or parked.

(Code 1985, § 6-8-1)