



Police Department

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

As the weather gets warmer and we are able to get out and enjoy our beautiful city, the Rome Police Department would like to remind everyone of City ordinance and State law regarding noise violations.

We find increasing numbers of people who are going to downtown Rome to enjoy the atmosphere and socialization on Broad Street. We have had an increase in complaints regarding noise and nuisance issues. Please keep in mind that Broad Street not only accommodates businesses, restaurants, and bars, but there are many residents who live on Broad Street. So let's be considerate of everyone. People should be able to take a walk down Broad Street or sit at one of the sidewalk cafes with family and friends and enjoy the atmosphere.

City Ordinance Sec. 14-7 and 14-8 states that it is unlawful for any person to make, create and produce any excessive or unusual noise with the exhaust of a motor vehicle or any other noisemaking device on a motor vehicle. It is unlawful for any person to permit the engine of the vehicle driven to remain in operation on any public street or public or private property so that the noise, fumes, vibrations or other effects of the engine operation disturb any person occupying a residence within 250 feet of the vehicle.

State Law 40-8-71 prohibits mufflers which cause excessive or unusual noise or annoying smoke.

State Law 40-6-14 prohibits the operator of a motor vehicle on a street or highway from operating or amplifying the sound produced by a radio, or other mechanical sound making device or instrument from within the motor vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the motor vehicle.

The Rome Police Department will offer warnings for these violations as appropriate, but when necessary enforcement action will be taken.

These ordinances and laws apply everywhere, not just downtown. So please, let's be good neighbors so that everyone can enjoy the summer.