

CHAPTER 4
Offenses Against the Peace and Quiet

SECTION

11-401. Disturbing the peace.

11-402. Anti-noise regulations.

11-403. Jake Brake Regulations.

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- (1) **Prohibition on Use:** The driver of any vehicle is prohibited from using or allowing the use of engine brakes, compression brakes, or mechanical exhaust devices designed to aid in braking or deceleration within the boundaries of the urban services.
- (2) **Exceptions for Safety:** The only exception to this prohibition is if the use of such devices is necessary to avoid imminent danger—essentially, if it's an emergency situation where stopping quickly is needed for safety.
- (3) **Coverage Area:** This regulation applies to all public streets and highways within the town, meaning it impacts vehicles traveling through residential, commercial, or public areas.
- (4) **Emergency Vehicle Exemption:** Emergency vehicles (e.g., fire trucks, ambulances) are exempt from this rule, as their need to use braking systems may be critical in certain situations.