

# COMMAND POLICY

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Noise Control

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Fort Hood Regulation 190-5, Fort Hood Traffic Code, 1 February 1993.
- b. Fort Hood Regulation 21048, Installation Housing Community Standards, 1 October 2001.
- c. Texas Penal Code, Section 42.01 (a)(5).
- d. Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 92, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation.

2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all persons on Fort Hood.

3. ENFORCIBILITY. This policy is punitive. Violators may be subject to action under the UCMJ, administrative action, or the state laws of Texas.

4. POLICY. Excessively loud noise and music is disruptive to operations at Fort Hood and constitutes a nuisance to those who live and work on the installation. In order to help foster a pleasant atmosphere on post, preserve good order and discipline, and comport with prudent safety standards, Fort Hood Regulations (FHR) 190-5 and 21048 establish noise control standards and methods of enforcement. These standards apply to all soldiers and civilians on Fort Hood. Guidelines for recognizing and enforcing acceptable noise levels are as follows:

a. Noise and Music Emanating from Vehicles.

(1) Music, vibrations, or other sounds emanating from a vehicle with closed windows is too loud and will be considered **excessive if they can be heard 10 feet or more** from the vehicle.

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(2) Music, vibrations, or other sounds emanating from a vehicle with open windows is too loud and will be considered **excessive if they can be heard 50 feet or more** from the vehicle. Violations of this paragraph by both soldiers and civilians are punishable by prosecution under Texas Penal Code, Section 42.01 (a)(5). Repeat offenders may be barred from the installation or denied permission to drive on the installation. Soldiers who violate this paragraph may also be punished under Article 92 of the UCMJ, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation. FH Reg 190-5, para. 24.

b. Noise or Music Emanating from Portable Sound Equipment. Music, vibrations, or other sounds emanating from portable sound equipment is too loud and will be considered **excessive if it can be heard 50 feet or more** from the source. Soldiers violating this policy are subject to punitive action under Article 92 of the UCMJ, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation. Civilians who violate this policy are subject to prosecution under Texas Penal Code, Section 42.01(a)(5). Repeat offenders may be barred from the installation, evicted from government housing, or denied permission to drive on post. FH Reg 190-5, para. 24.

c. Noise or Music Emanating from Quarters or Billets. Music, vibrations, or other sounds emanating from quarters or billets is too loud and will be considered **excessive if it can be heard 50 feet or more** from the quarters or billets. First time violators will be issued a citation (FHT Form 21048). Second time violators will be issued a written warning. Third time violators may be evicted from government housing. FH Reg 210-48, para. 9b.

5. EXPIRATION. This policy memorandum remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.



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