

Policy Number/Title:	3.5.3 Outside Noise Policy
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Responsible Office:	Dean of Students; Student Affairs

1. Scope:

Faculty, staff, students, and outside guests holding events on Winthrop University property.

2. Definitions:

Radio edits - A modified version of a musical track that has been edited to suit the specific requirements and regulations of radio stations

Quiet Zones - Areas of campus with a greater expectation of quiet due to the proximity to residential areas.

3. Policy:

As part of the Rock Hill community, it is important that campus events engage in appropriate steps to ensure minimal disruption to our neighbors and ensuring an inclusive environment for all.

In an effort to maintain inclusive spaces both in outdoor event locations and athletic events, Winthrop University asks that all outdoor music/noise follow the below guidelines:

- All amplified music played in outdoor areas must be appropriate for public broadcasting (radio edits). A radio edit is generally a modified version of a musical track that has been edited to suit the specific requirements and regulations of radio stations. A radio edit typically truncates or censors profanity, vulgarities, or subject matter. See FCC regulations for additional details. <http://www.cityofrockhill.com/departments/police-department/policies/noise-ordinance-enforcement>.

To comply with these guidelines, individuals should follow these expectations:

- Users whose music is deemed to violate this policy must comply with requests to lower the volume, change the song or turn it off.
- When events are scheduled that may cause community impact due to volume/noise, event coordinators should notify University Communications at least 21 days prior to the event, so that the community can be made aware of the event in advance.
- Special requests for live artists or performances that may violate this policy may be submitted to the Vice President of Student Affairs for consideration within 5 days of the



event.

Additional regulations exist near the residence halls on campus. See below for specific noise concerns near residence halls.

Quiet Hours - Quiet hours shall be enforced outside the residence halls every day of the week from midnight until 8 a.m. in the designated quiet zones. All other hours are courtesy hours. People will be able to assemble or meet in the quiet zones; however, any noise originating from outside, near or inside the residence hall will not be tolerated.

Quiet Zones - Quiet zones are areas outside of all the residence halls and apartments. The quiet zones for every residential building are defined with the following designated areas:

4. Procedures:

Complaints about noise at outdoor events will be addressed by the event coordinator or Winthrop Police Department. Warnings will be given to correct the concern and if not addressed in a timely manner, the event could face citation or campus conduct referral.

5. Resources:

[Winthrop Student Handbook](#)

6. History of Revisions:

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