



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 31

Primary Sponsor: Birdsong, Brewer

Co-Sponsor(s): Jones, Pedraja, Roogow, Tevlin, White

Purpose & Description: To condemn the proposed amendments to the City of Tallahassee Code of General Ordinances based on noise.

Whereas: In October of 2022, the City of Tallahassee Commission proposed an ordinance change for the City of Tallahassee that would amend sections 12-93, 12-94, and 12-96 of the Code of General Ordinances; and

Whereas: The proposed changes to the City Ordinances would allow Tallahassee Police personnel to take necessary precautions to restrict audible noise from select establishments after the hour of 11:00PM on Sunday through Thursday, and 12:00AM on Friday through Saturday, regardless of circumstance; and

Whereas: The language of the amendment reads: “to restrict outdoor amplified sound which is plainly audible 200 feet from the establishment”; and,

Whereas: The city of Tallahassee is home to three educational institutions, making the city the home of over 54,000 college and university students; and

Whereas: The proposed amendments to the City of Tallahassee Code of General Ordinances would heavily limit and restrict the operations of several bars, clubs, and restaurants (“nightlife”) in the City of Tallahassee, as confirmed by the personal accounts of several employees and managers of these establishments; and

Whereas: Tallahassee nightlife establishments employ almost exclusively FSU students, helping many students pay for tuition, and other necessary personal expenses; and

Whereas: Florida State University is home to 54 total fraternities and sororities, whose operations would also be limited and restricted by the proposed amendments to the City of Tallahassee General Ordinances, as confirmed by the personal accounts of several members of these esteemed organizations; and

Whereas: These Greek organizations regularly contribute to the betterment of the City of Tallahassee through support of both local and national philanthropic efforts, city cleanups, community engagement, social advocacy, and much more; and

Whereas: The area designated by the city code as the “Urban Core” is an area that a significant portion of FSU students live, as well as an area with many Greek houses and nightlife establishments; and

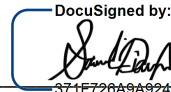
Whereas: The City of Tallahassee and Florida State University reap large economic benefits from their reputations of being home to some of the largest and most prominent Greek organizations and nightlife establishments in the nation, contributing to both tourism and a large student population; therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The FSU Student Senate is sympathetic to the negative aspects that the proposed changes to the Tallahassee City Ordinances for noise would have on FSU's Greek organizations, Tallahassee's nightlife, and the FSU student body as a whole; and

Be it further resolved that: The FSU Student Senate formally opposes all proposed changes to the Tallahassee City Ordinances based on noise; and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
John Dailey, Mayor, City of Tallahassee
Dianne Williams-Cox, Mayor Pro-Tempore, City of Tallahassee
Curtis Richardson, Commissioner, City of Tallahassee
Jacqueline Porter, Commissioner, City of Tallahassee
Jeremy Matlow, Commissioner, City of Tallahassee
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida State University
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
Sam Diaz, Student Senate President
Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer at Florida State University

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Student Senate President

**Senate Vote: 23-19-6
PASSED: April 5th, 2023**