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**Officials: Turn your music down or lose your equipment**

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**GREENVILLE COUNTY, S.C. -**

Play your music too loud in Greenville County and you might have to hand-deliver your sound equipment to law enforcement.

The Greenville County Council passed a second reading of an ordinance that changes how those in violation of the current noise law will be punished.

In Greenville County, you get two warnings to turn your car stereo down if it's more than 70 decibels. A new ordinance passed the second reading Tuesday night meaning on the third strike you'll have to

appear before a judge, and if found guilty, turn in your equipment.

"It's to expedite the process, make it less cumbersome and also to not cost taxpayers dollars to have officers going out trying to confiscate the equipment," said council woman Liz Seman.

On the third strike, those in violation of the noise ordinance will have seven days to turn their equipment into the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

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1. What do you think about this idea?
2. What are the pros and cons of making rules that control noise in public? What makes sense and what doesn’t?
3. Is the proposed punishment fair?
4. If you were asked for your ideas on controlling noise in public, what would your solution be? Include the rule

that you would make, and the punishment for breaking it.

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