

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING QUIET ZONE PETITION

- I. Petitioner receives instructions, copy of ordinance and petition from City Clerk.
- II. Instructions.
 - A. Petitioner provides a map of the area to be designated. The area shall not be less than one block in length on both sides of the street (unless otherwise approved by Council in areas of irregular configuration). Each block in length requires a separate petition.
 - B. The City Clerk's Office will provide petitioner with a list of property owners for the designated area within 3 business days (or as soon as possible).
 - C. The City Clerk's Office will verify that all properties are zoned residential. If there is a portion of the area that is zoned other than residential, such portion would qualify if such area is being used for residential purposes and the owner of such property consents to such quiet zone.
 - D. Obtain signatures (within three months).
 1. As each tax parcel counts as one (1) towards the requisite number needed, all owners must sign. For example, if only the husband signs for a property that both husband and wife own, only one-half (1/2) of the parcel is counted.
 2. The signature count of the owners must be at least 51% of the total tax parcel count for a successful petition.
 3. If non-owner signatures are obtained, a majority of residents living on the parcel are required if the owner(s) does not sign. Note: A Certification must also be signed by one resident.
 4. If there are any businesses included within a non-business zoned area, the owner(s) of the business(es) must agree to the same.
 - E. Submit completed petition to City Clerk with a \$100 filing fee. The full fee may be waived upon approval by the Council in areas of irregular configuration provided; however, there shall be a fee of at least \$50.
 - F. After review by City Clerk, successful petitions will go before the Common Council for final approval.
- III. Other requirements – see copy of ordinance.

Sec. 32-137. - Neighborhood quiet zones.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, continue to permit the continuance of any unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise emanating from within residential neighborhood quiet zones, as established by the Common Council, between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., such as produces annoyance, inconvenience, discomfort or hurt to any person, or to the enjoyment of property or comfort of any person, or affects the safety, health or morals of the public.
- (b) As used in this section, the term "neighborhood quiet zones" means a residential area wherein not less than 51 percent of the residents 18 years of age and over or property owners in a nonbusiness zoned area unless the owners of such businesses included within such quiet zone agree to the same and have successfully petitioned the Common Council to request such status. If a portion of the area requested for a neighborhood quiet zone is zoned other than residential, such portion would qualify if such area is being used for residential purposes and the owner of such property consents to such quiet zone. In arriving at the requisite percentage, each parcel of property or tax parcel shall be counted as one. The majority of residents 18 years of age and over occupying a parcel must sign the petition in order to constitute one parcel towards the requisite number of residents. Posting of such zones shall be in accordance with the procedures as established by the Common Council. The area shall not be less than one block in length on both sides of the street, unless otherwise approved by the Council in areas of irregular configuration. Smaller residential areas less than one block in length on both sides may be included within an existing contiguous quiet zone. A separate petition shall be filed for each block, or portion thereof. When the petition is filed with the City Clerk, it shall contain the requisite percentage of owners and/or residents and no signatures can be added or subtracted after it is filed with the City Clerk. All signatures on the petition shall be obtained within three months from the date of the first signature or such petition shall be void. The Common Council shall not grant such status to any area less than that as prescribed in this section. Such status shall remain in effect for a period of at least one year after which time utilizing the same guidelines as for the establishment of such status; it may be repealed by petition of the residents or owners subject to approval of the Common Council. Notice of public hearings to establish or repeal any residential neighborhood quiet zone shall be given to all record owners within the zone and any residents that signed any petition. A fee in the amount established by resolution shall accompany each petition. Petition forms shall be provided by the City Clerk's Office. The full fee may be waived upon approval by the Council in areas of irregular configuration, provided, however there shall be a fee of at least the amount established by resolution.

(Code 1980, § 7.02(R))

PETITION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD QUIET ZONE

We the undersigned, representing at least 51% of the residents* (see certification form) and/or property owners in a residential area in the block bounded by

do hereby respectfully petition the Common Council to create a Residential Quiet Zone in accordance with City of La Crosse Municipal Code 32-137.

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

NAME (Print) _____ ADDRESS _____
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
(Please check one) OWNER _____ RESIDENT* _____

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CERTIFICATION

**Note: For non-owner signatures, the following certification must be completed by one resident of parcel/property.*

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