TOWN OF STURGIS

P. O. BOX 97 STURGIS, MISSISSIPPI 39769

LELAND JAMES, MAYOR

Ordinance 114

March 7, 2000

Be it ORDAINED and enacted by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Sturgis, MS as follows:

WHEREAS, excessive sound is a serious hazard to the public health and welfare, safety, and the quality of life within the city of Sturgis, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the unrestricted operation of vehicular audio systems on or in the immediate proximity of the streets and highways of the City of Sturgis create special hazard to the health and safety of motorists and authorized emergency vehicles in that said audio systems often distract motorist whose full attention is needed elsewhere and prevents motorist from hearing the approach of authorized emergency vehicles.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the board Mayor and Alderman of the City of Sturgis, Mississippi, as follows:

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause to be operated an audio system, in a motor vehicle driven, standing or parked on a highway or street or within 500 feet of a highway or street within the city of Sturgis, unless said system is be operated to request assistance or warn of a hazardous situation.
- (2) This ordinance shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles responding to emergency calls or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law.
- (3) This ordinance shall not apply to audio systems of sound trucks or vehicles in parades, processions or public demonstrations provided that the operator thereof abstains and operates such audio systems in accordance with the permit required by other provisions of the laws of Sturgis, Mississippi.

(4) This ordinance shall take effect one month from the date of its adoption and its publication in a local newspaper as required by law

Passed and approved, this _____ Day of MQLCh 2000

Alderman Scott Smith made motion, seconded by Alderman Greg Wall

Alderman:

Sandra L. Scarbrough, Clerk

Leland James, May