

Noise Reduction

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Train Horns

- Quite obnoxious
- Probably city's worst noise pollution
- Min 96 decibels, max 110 per
- Federal Railroad Administration
- <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0889>
- Vastly louder than city “allows”
- 100,000 times louder than 55 dB, residential nights
- <http://library.amlegal.com>

Historical Purpose

- Get cattle out of the way
- Notify pedestrian, equestrian, vehicular traffic
- Precursor to crossing signals
- Reduce accident rate

Current Problem

- Not very helpful in a city
- Crossing signals far more informative
- So there's a train within a mile
- Noise pollution
- Adds stress
- Reduces quality of life

No-Horn Zones

- Areas where trains don't blow their horns
- Also called quiet zones
- See <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Elib/Document/3536>
- Federal guidelines, should be simpler
- "A New Quiet Zone must have, at a minimum, flashing lights and gates in place at each public crossing."

Recommendation

- Create no-horn zones
- Gradually include all of Sioux Falls
- A more pleasant life

Enjoy Nature

