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**From:** Rebecca Flint <rebecca.flint@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023 3:14 PM  
**To:** City Council and Mayor  
**Subject:** please regulate when garbage haulers can operate

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Dear City Council and Mayor,

I would like to request that the City Council implement some way to prevent garbage haulers from operating in residential neighborhoods in Ames at unreasonable hours in the morning, as there is apparently no way to address this issue currently (see below).

I think it is very standard for cities to regulate when garbage trucks can operate in some fashion, and 4am is way too early for heavy equipment. I would personally prefer that they not operate before 6:30am, but even the previous standard of 5am (which was posted on the city webpage back in spring 2021) would be an improvement. I am afraid that now that Arends knows they really can operate whenever they want, they will start coming to my neighborhood at 4:15am every Thursday again.

Thanks,  
Rebecca Flint

In case you haven't already seen it, these are the relevant parts of the email I received from Brian Phillips:

It should be clarified that the City's regulations pertaining to garbage collection do not have any limits regarding noise, nor are there regulations regarding the times during which collection may or may not occur. Therefore, City staff does not believe the hauler is in violation of any of the regulations pertaining to garbage collection.

The noise ordinance does contain some specific noise limits, but there are exemptions for certain activities conducted under licenses or permits granted by the City, which I take to include garbage hauling licenses. It is also very difficult to enforce noise limits on a transient activity such as a moving garbage truck.

So, unfortunately, it does not appear that there is any regulation currently in place that would address your concerns regarding garbage collection noise.

If you desire, you are welcome to write the Council requesting that changes to the Municipal Code or the licensing standards be investigated to address your concerns regarding noise.