



Watertown City Council

Committee on Rules and Ordinances Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber - Second Floor

Agenda

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, the meeting and public hearing will be conducted with remote opportunities for participation. Remote participation and access methods include:

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on January 27, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chambers
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- 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Discussion
 - A. Continuation of Proposed Ordinance Establishing Memorialization Committee
 - B. Proposed Food and Beverage Single Use Items Ordinance
 - C. Proposal to Amend Noise Ordinance
 - 3. Adjournment

ELECTED OFFICIALS

John G. Gannon,
Chair

John M. Airasian,
Vice Chair

Lisa J. Feltner,
Secretary

To: Councilor John Gannon, Chair, Committee on Rules and Ordinances

From: Doug Newton, Municipal Policy Analyst

Re: Noise Ordinance

Date: January 7, 2025

Use of Decibel Measurements in Noise Ordinances/Bylaws

Decibel measurements are used in several noise ordinances and town bylaws across the Commonwealth. This includes noise ordinances from our surrounding communities. Decibel limits are typically prescribed in dbA, which stands for “a-weighted decibel.” This is a logarithmic unit of measure in which an increase of 3 dbA represents a doubling of the sound level. Please see the below chart for guidance:

Decibel Level Comparison Chart

Environmental Noise	dB _A
Jet engine at 100'	140
Pain Begins	125
Pneumatic chipper at ear	120
Chain saw at 3'	110
Power mower	107
Subway train at 200'	95
Walkman on 5/10	94
Level at which sustained exposure may result in hearing loss	80-90
City Traffic	85
Telephone dial tone	80
Chamber music, in a small auditorium	75-85
Vacuum cleaner	75
Normal conversation	60-70
Business Office	60-65
Household refrigerator	55
Suburban area at night	40
Whisper	25
Quiet natural area with no wind	20
Threshold of hearing	0

Note: dB_A = Decibels, A weighted

Source: [Yale University](#)

Newton’s noise ordinance (Attachment 1), among other decibel restrictions, limits automobiles under 10,000 pounds of GVW or GCWR to 75 dB_A. As for construction and maintenance work, it has various limits between 65-90 dB_A depending on the equipment used. Newton’s ordinance uses other means to regulate noise, however, such as time of year and day. Even still, these limits are often blended with dB_A limits. For example, it bans the use of leaf blowers between Memorial Day and Labor Day unless the leaf blower emits noise at 65 dB_A or below.

The Municipal Law Unit (MLU) of the Attorney General’s Office has upheld town bylaws which use dB_A to limit noise. Most notably, Somerset in 2020 passed a noise nuisance by-law which the MLU approved.

Attachment 2 to this memorandum is the text of Somerset's noise bylaw with the MLU's approval. The bylaw prohibits "public nuisance noise" which:

- Causes temporary or permanent hearing loss in persons exposed
- Otherwise be injurious, or tend to be, on the basis of current information, injurious, to the public health or welfare
- Cause a nuisance
- Interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property or the conduct of business;
- A source of sound if such source:
 - o Increases the broadband sound level by more than ten dbA above ambient and/or produces a "pure tone" condition- when any octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeds the two adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by 3 decibels or more.
 - Note: this is lifted directly from the article. It is not perfectly clear that "decibels" in the last sentence refers to dbA.

Disturbing the Peace Statute vs. Local Noise Ordinances

[Chapter 272 Section 53](#) of the Massachusetts General Laws prohibits disturbing the peace. The text is somewhat vague and does not clearly define disturbing the peace. Jury instructions for disturbing the peace criminal cases describe how the Commonwealth must prove the following in order to convict:

- That the defendant engaged in conduct which most people would find to be unreasonably disruptive, such as making a loud or disturbing noise, tumultuous or offensive conduct, hurling objects in a populated area, threatening, quarrelling, fighting, or challenging others to fight, uttering insults that amount to fighting words, that is, are so offensive that they are inherently likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction.
- That the defendant's actions were done intentionally
- That the defendant did in fact annoy or disturb at least one person

Captain Dan Unsworth of the Police Department informed me that they do not use the disturbing the peace statute often. He added that the department must be careful in enforcing both disturbing the peace and [disturbing an assembly](#) that they do not interfere with free speech. This means they typically do not take enforcement action unless an individual's conduct is threatening in nature or if, for example, a person was making a significant amount of noise at 3AM on a Monday morning.

Though the disturbing the peace statute is not used often, the department is still much more likely to apply the disturbing the peace statute than the city noise ordinance unless there is a clear violation of time restriction in section C of the current ordinance. When the police investigate a potential disturbing the peace situation, they consider what is "reasonable" given the circumstances. This gives the department discretion to consider factors such as time of day, neighborhood, type of property, and the people nearby.

Other Notes

In general, it seems fair to say that disturbing the peace applies to one person behaving obnoxiously, whereas a city noise ordinance is meant to regulate the types of noise that can be expected to occur. Noise ordinances generally have a civil penalty rather than a criminal penalty.

Attachment 3 to this memorandum is data from our 311 service containing all calls received regarding noise complaints in 2024. Some are characterized more specifically such as construction, residential/commercial, etc. Such categorization only began recently, however, and most are uncategorized.

The police department has conveyed to me the following points:

- The time restrictions in [the current noise](#) ordinance are, in their view, reasonable.
- If the city is to rely on decibel measurements for enforcement, we should anticipate challenges to the proper function and calibration of the device used.
 - Note: noise meters must be calibrated once per year at a cost of roughly \$1,000 per calibration. The health department has two noise meters which are each calibrated once per year.

The use of e-cigarettes as defined in Sec. 20-2(b) is prohibited wherever smoking is prohibited under M.G.L Chapter 270, Section 22 (the Smoke-Free Workplace Law”), and in all locations listed in Section 20-7 of this ordinance. The Commissioner of Health and Human services and/or his or her designee(s) shall enforce this section in accordance with Sec. 20-7(c). (Rev. Ords. 2012, Ord. A-42, 06-16-14)

Secs. 20-9—Sec. 20-12. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. NOISE

Sec. 20-13. Noise control.

(a) This ordinance may be cited as the "Noise Control Ordinance of the City of Newton."

(b) *Declaration of findings and policy.* Whereas excessive sound is a serious hazard to the public health and welfare, safety, and the quality of life; and whereas a substantial body of science and technology exists by which excessive sound may be substantially abated; and, whereas the people have a right to and should be ensured an environment free from excessive sound that may jeopardize their health or welfare or safety or degrade the quality of life; now therefor it is the policy of the City of Newton to prevent excessive sound which may jeopardize the health and welfare or safety of its citizens or degrade the quality of life.

(c) *Scope.* This ordinance shall apply to the control of all sound originating within the limits of the City of Newton except as follows:

- (1) the emission of sound for the purpose of alerting persons to the existence of an emergency or the emission of sound in the performance of emergency work or in training exercises related to emergency activities; and
- (2) all snow clearance activities; and
- (3) any program or activity supervised by the parks, recreation and culture department of the city in effect and as it exists on June 1, 1983.

(d) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this ordinance the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Construction and demolition: Any excavation, highway construction, land development or land clearing work, or the erection, demolition, alteration, repair, or relocation of any building or structure, which uses powered equipment such as backhoes, trucks, tractors, excavators, earth moving equipment, compressors, motorized, or power hand tools, manual tools, or equipment of a similar nature as well as two-way radios or other communication equipment; or use of any equipment for recycling, screening, separating, or any other processing of soil, rocks, concrete, asphalt or other raw material.

Electronic devices: any radio, tape recorder or player, television, phonograph, public address system, loudspeaker, amplified musical instrument or any other similar device, except two-way communication radios.

Emergency: any occurrence or set of circumstances involving actual or imminent physical trauma or property damage which demands immediate action.

Emergency work: any work performed for the purpose of preventing or alleviating the physical trauma or property damage threatened or caused by an emergency.

Gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR): the value specified by the manufacturer as the recommended maximum loaded weight of a single motor vehicle. In cases where trailers and tractors are separable, the gross combination weight rating (GCWR), which is the value specified by the manufacturer as the recommended maximum loaded weight of the combination vehicle, shall be used.

Motorcycle: any unenclosed motor vehicle having two or three wheels in contact with the ground, including, but not limited to, motor scooters, minibikes, and mopeds.

Motor vehicles: any vehicle which is propelled or drawn on land by a motor, such as, but not limited to, passenger cars, trucks, truck-trailers, semi-trailers, campers, go-carts, snowmobiles, dune buggies, or racing vehicles, but not including motorcycles.

Noise pollution: a condition caused by a noise source that increases noise levels 10dB(A) or more above background noise level, except that if the noise source produces a tonal sound, an increase at 5dB(A) or more above background noise level is sufficient to cause noise pollution.

Tonal sound: any sound that is judged by a listener to have the characteristics of a pure tone, whine, hum or buzz.

(e) *Noise Pollution prohibited.*

- (1) No person shall willfully, negligently, or through failure to provide necessary equipment or facilities or to take necessary precautions permit the establishment or continuation of a condition of noise pollution caused by a noise source (other than a dog or bird) owned, leased, kept, or controlled by such person, or caused by any activity of such person.
- (2) When the offending noise source is located in public spaces, noise measurements shall be made at, and noise pollution determinations made in relation to, any location a passerby might reasonably occupy. When the offending noise source is located on private property, noise measurements shall be made at, and noise pollution determinations made in relation to, the boundary line of the property within which the offending source is located, or as close thereto as feasible.
- (3) All noise level measurements made pursuant to subsection (e) shall be made with a Type I or II A-weighted sound level meter as specified under the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards.

(f) *Time Restrictions.*

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) and subject to the maximum noise levels listed in subsection (g), the generation of any noise from all electric motors and/or internal combustion engines employed in yard, garden, or grounds maintenance is prohibited except during the following time periods:
 - (A) Between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays; or
 - (B) Between 9:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays as established in section 2-26 of these revised ordinances.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) and subject to the maximum noise levels listed in subsection (g), the generation of any noise from construction and demolition activity is prohibited except during the following time periods:
 - (A) Between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays; or

(B) Between: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays;

(C) Generation of any noise from construction and demolition activity is prohibited at any hour on Sundays and legal holidays as established in section 2-26 of these revised ordinances, except by permit issued in accordance with subsection (i).

- (3) All public address loudspeakers, either mobile or stationary, shall be prohibited from operating every evening from 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. the following morning.
- (4) No automobile, motorcycle, truck or vehicle-mounted refrigeration equipment or other motorized vehicle shall be left running when not in traffic, within three hundred (300) feet of any dwelling, hotel or residence, for a period of greater than five (5) minutes.
- (5) Between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. deliveries and pick-ups for commercial or business purposes are prohibited within 300 feet of any dwelling within a residential zone excepting deliveries to such dwellings, deliveries of gasoline to gasoline stations, deliveries or pick-ups at state or federal governmental offices and any other commercial or business delivery or pick-up operation that does not increase noise levels 5dB(A) or more above background noise level. For purposes of this subsection, "deliveries" and "pick-ups" shall include the loading and unloading of a vehicle.
- (6) Between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. trash collection shall be prohibited within five hundred (500) feet of any dwelling.
- (7) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. no person or persons shall disturb the peace by causing or allowing to be made any unreasonable or excessive noise, including but not limited to such noise resulting from the operation of any electronic device, or from the playing of any band or orchestra, or from the making of excessive outcries, exclamations, or loud singing or any other excessive noise by a person or group of persons, provided however, that any performance, concert, establishment, band group or person who has received and maintains a valid license or permit from any department, board, or commission of the City of Newton authorized to issue such license or permit shall be exempt from the provisions of this section. Unreasonable or excessive noise for the purposes of this section shall be defined as 5dB(A) or more above background level when measured not closer than the lot line of a residential lot or from the nearest affected dwelling unit.

(g) *Maximum Noise Levels.* Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e)(1) and (e)(2), the following are the maximum noise levels that are permitted for the specified purposes:

Maximum noise level dB(A) permitted:

(1) *Vehicles*

Vehicle Class.....Stationary or Moving

All vehicles over 10,000 lbs. GVW or GCWR 86

All Motorcycles..... 82

Automobiles and light trucks..... 75

Noise measurements shall be made at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the closest point of pass-by of a source or fifty (50) feet from a stationary vehicle.

(2) *Construction and demolition.*

The cumulative noise level of all construction and demolition on one site at any one time shall not exceed 90dB(A). No individual piece of equipment shall exceed a maximum noise level of 90 dB(A). If noise barriers are used that effectively shield nearby areas from a condition of noise pollution, the following devices shall be exempt from the maximum noise level limitations: jackhammers; pavement breakers; pile drivers; and rock drills.

Maximum noise level dB(A) permitted:

Backhoe, bulldozer, concrete mixer, dump truck, loader, paver, pneumatic tools, roller, scraper
..... 90

Air compressor 85

Generator 90

Electric drills, sanders, saws (except chainsaws) or other power tools of all types, whether hand held or otherwise 75

Noise measurements shall be made at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the source, or from the nearest lot line, whichever distance is less.

(3) *Yard, Garden, or Grounds Maintenance Equipment**Maximum noise level dB(A) permitted:*

Commercial Chipper, 3 1/2 inch or greater limb capacity (running at full speed but not chipping)
..... 90

Commercial truck-mounted leaf vacuum 90

All other equipment, including home tractor, lawn mower or trimmer
..... 65

Noise measurements shall be made at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the source, or from the nearest lot line, whichever distance is less.

(4) *Tonal Sound Corrections.* When a tonal sound is emitted by a noise source specified in subsections (g)(1), (g)(2) and (g)(3) herein, the limit on maximum noise levels shall be 5dB(A) lower than as specified in subsections (g)(1), (g)(2) and (g)(3).(5) *Maximum Noise Levels for HVAC systems.* No person shall operate any air conditioning, refrigeration or heating equipment for any residence or other structure or operate any pumping, filtering or heating equipment for any pool or reservoir in such manner as to create any noise which would cause the noise level on the premises of any other occupied property or if a condominium, apartment house, duplex, or attached business, within any adjoining unit, to exceed the background noise level by more than 5 dB(A). This provision shall not apply, however, to periodic or emergency maintenance or testing of such equipment reasonably necessary to maintain such equipment in good working order. Noise measurements and noise pollution determinations shall be taken in accordance with subsections (e)(2) and (e)(3).

- (6) *Alternative Measurement Procedures.* If it is not possible to make a good noise level measurement at the distance specified in subsections (g)(1), (g)(2) and (g)(3), measurement may be made at an alternate distance and the noise level subsequently calculated for the specified distance. Calculations shall be made in accordance with established engineering procedures.
- (7) All noise-level measurements made pursuant to subsection (g) shall be made with a Type I or II A-weighted sound level meter as specified under the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards.

(h) *Restrictions on use of leaf blowers.*

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 20-13 (f) and (g), no property owner or property manager or other person in control of a property shall authorize or permit the operation of leaf blowers on property under their control; no contractor or commercial landscaper, including a City contractor or employee, shall use or operate or authorize or permit any agent or employee to use or operate a leaf blower; nor shall any person use or operate a leaf blower within the City unless they do so in compliance with the provisions of this section. The following definitions shall apply to this section:

Leaf blower: any portable motorized device, whether carried or pushed, whether powered by gasoline or other fuel, electricity or battery, used in any landscape or property construction or maintenance activity, for the purpose of blowing, dispersing, redistributing, or removing dust, dirt, leaves, grass or plant clippings, litter or other debris.

Commercial leaf blower operator: any individual, entity or organization, including a contractor or commercial landscaper, that receives compensation for services that include operation of a leaf blower.

- (1) *Summer Ban.* No leaf blower may be operated from Memorial Day through Labor Day in each year, except that one 65 dB(A) electric or battery powered leaf blower per lot may be used during this period subject to the permitted hours of use specified in Subsection (2) below. At all other times leaf blowers may be operated subject to the following provisions:
- (2) *Permitted hours of use.* Leaf blowers may be operated only during the following times:

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., except that the City of Newton, through its parks, recreation and culture department, shall be allowed to use leaf blowers prior to 7:00 a.m. for the sole purpose of maintaining city village centers.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sundays and legal holidays: prohibited except for operation by a resident of the property on which the leaf blower is operated between 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and except for operation of leaf blowers on contiguous lots under single ownership that total a minimum of thirty acres used for institutional or recreational purposes between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

(3) Only leaf blowers meeting the following criteria are permitted for use:

- A. Leaf blowers must be manufactured after January 1, 2005 for EPA Class 4 engines and after January 1, 2008 for EPA Class 5 engines;
 - B. Leaf blowers must bear an affixed manufacturer's label indicating the model number of the leaf blower;
 - C. Leaf blowers must bear an affixed manufacturer's label documenting a noise rating of 65 dB(A) or less; and
 - D. Leaf blowers may only be used with any muffler, full extension tube and sound attenuating devices supplied by the manufacturer of the leaf blower. Non-factory modifications are not permitted.
- (4) During times of emergency caused by a storm or other special circumstance, the Mayor or his designee may temporarily suspend application of all or a portion of this section for purposes of cleaning up from such storm or other special circumstance.

(5) The provisions of section 20-13 (i) shall not apply to leaf blower operation.

- (6) Any violation of the restrictions contained in sections 20-13 (h)(1) through (h)(6) above shall be subject to the penalties set forth in sections 20-13 (k) and (m) below, provided that the first offense by any person subject to this section shall be subject to a warning only, and provided further that a violation committed by a commercial operator holding a valid permit and in good standing on the public list provided for in section (7) A, shall be enforced against the commercial operator only, and not against the property owner, manager or person in control of the property upon which the violation has occurred.
- (7) Commercial Leaf Blower Operators - permit required.

- A. No commercial leaf blower operator may operate a leaf blower or permit or authorize an agent or employee to operate a leaf blower in the City of Newton without an annual permit from the commissioner of inspectional services, who shall provide application forms; who may establish rules governing the display of permits on permittee's vehicles; and who shall maintain a public list of commercial leaf blower operators who hold a valid permit under this section. The commissioner may set a reasonable fee for such permit. Such application form shall require the name and telephone number of a contact and shall require the applicant to certify under pains

and penalties of perjury that they have read and understand this ordinance pertaining to leaf blower restrictions, and that they will inform all employees of the restrictions. If a violation of any leaf blower restriction under this ordinance is committed by an employee or agent of and while performing work for said commercial leaf blower operator, the commercial leaf blower operator shall be responsible for the violation and the employee or agent shall not be individually liable.

- B. A commercial leaf blower operator shall ensure that its name, address, telephone number and its commercial leaf blower permit number are clearly visible on any vehicle it uses to conduct business in Newton.
- C. In addition to the penalties set forth in sections (k) and (m) below, the permit of any commercial leaf blower operator who has received two or more notices of violation of leaf blower restrictions by it or its employees or agents in a 12-month period shall be suspended for a period of sixty days. The permit of any commercial leaf blower operator whose permit has been suspended two times shall be revoked, and the operator shall be ineligible for a permit for a period of one year. The operator's name shall be removed from the public list during any period of suspension or revocation. The penalty for operating a leaf blower without a commercial operator permit shall be \$300.00.
- D. The commissioner of inspectional services may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section.

(i) Permits for exemptions from this ordinance and for extensions of time to comply with this ordinance.

- (1) The mayor or his designee may grant a permit for any activity otherwise forbidden by the provisions of this ordinance upon a determination by the mayor or his designee that compliance in the conduct of such activity would cause undue hardship on the person or persons conducting such activity or on the community, taking into account: (i) the extent of noise pollution caused by not requiring such compliance; and (ii) whether reasonable efforts have been made to abate the noise. The mayor or his designee shall establish appropriate procedures for the processing of requests for such permits, including such hearings as the mayor or his designee deems appropriate. In granting any such permit, the mayor or his designee may impose such appropriate conditions as he deems necessary pursuant to this section. Copies of all such permits shall be filed with the clerk of the city council promptly after issuance. Promptly after issuance, copies of all such permits shall be filed with the clerk of the city council and to each ward city councilor for the affected ward.
- (2) The mayor or his designee may extend to a specified date the time for compliance with this ordinance in the case of any particular activity with respect to which a determination is made that such extension is necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity for such activity to be brought into compliance. No such extension shall be granted which has the effect of exempting such activity from compliance with this ordinance. The mayor or his designee shall establish appropriate procedures for the processing of requests for such extensions of time, including such hearings as the mayor or his designee deems appropriate.

(j)Judicial Review. Any person aggrieved by the grant or denial of a permit pursuant to subsection (i)(1) or an extension of time pursuant to subsection (i)(2), or a suspension or revocation of a commercial leaf blower operator permit pursuant to subsection (h)(7) may seek relief therefrom by a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(k) Penalties. Violation of any of the provisions of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and any person, upon

conviction of such violation, shall be fined an amount not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Each day that such violation continues shall be considered to be a separate offense.

(l) *Enforcement.* The Newton Police Department and the Inspectional Services Department shall be responsible for enforcement of this ordinance. Each department shall document the disposition of all complaints by written report available to the public. The written report shall clearly indicate whether the complaint resulted in a warning or fine. If a warning or fine was not issued for a complaint, the responding city employee shall clearly indicate the reason.

(m) *Non-criminal disposition.* In addition to the penalties set forth in subsection (j), where non-criminal disposition of specified sections of this ordinance by civil fine has been provided for in sections 17-22 and 17-23 of the Revised Ordinances, as amended, pursuant to the authority granted by G.L. c. 40, sec. 21D, said violations may be enforced in the manner provided in such statute. The civil penalty for each such violation is set out in Sections 17-23(c) and 17-23(d).

(n) In the event the person in violation of section 20-13(h) pertaining to leaf blower use is a commercial leaf blower operator, the property owner shall be notified of the violation and of any warning or other enforcement issued to the operator.

(o) *Severability.* If any provision(s) of this ordinance or the application of such provision(s) to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this ordinance and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. (Ord. No. R-331, 6-20-83; Ord. No. T-62, 12-4-89; Ord. No. T-200, 12-16-91; Ord. No. V-286, 3-6-00; Ord. Z-32, 7-14-08; Ord. No. Z-78, 02-22-11; Ord. No. Z-104, 04-02-12; Ord. No. A-100, 01-17-17; Ord. No. B-53, 03-02-20)

Cross reference—Sounding warning devices on motor vehicles, § 19-72; noise by hawkers and peddlers, § 20-75.

Secs. 20-14—20-22. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. LIGHT TRESPASS

Sec. 20-23. Definitions.

For purposes of sections 20-23 through 20-28, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them as follows:

Direct Light: Light emitted directly from the lamp, off of the reflector or reflector diffuser, or through the refractor or diffuser lens, of a light source.

Lumen: A unit of light output as that term is defined by international standards. One footcandle is one lumen per square foot. For the purposes of sections 20-23 through 20-27, the lumen-output rating shall be the manufacturer's rating of the light source.

Light Source : A lighting unit consisting of a lamp or lamps together with the parts designed to distribute the light, to position and protect the lamps and to connect the lamps to the power supply. (Ord. No. X-142, 03-21-05)

Sec. 20-24. Light pollution prohibited.

(a) No person shall install or maintain a light source which emits light unless such light source conforms to each of the following requirements:

Counsel to clarify that the amendment would change the article to read “Except as provided in the Town’s Mandatory Recycling By-Law, the principal business of which is the storage of scrap metal for recycling.” Further discussion followed by Ed Souza, Daniel Buckley, Lloyd Mendes, Scott ??, Allen Smith. A motion and several seconds were made from the floor to move the question on the amendment. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Vote on motion to amend carried by a majority vote in all rooms as declared by the Moderator(s). A motion was made by Peter Pelletier to reconsider the article as amended. There was a second from the floor. Following much discussion, it is clear to the Moderator that the body did not clearly understand the vote on the amendment, therefore called for a vote on reconsideration of the amendment. The motion carried by a majority vote in all rooms as declared by the Moderator(s). The Moderator opened the floor to discussion on the motion as amended and repeats the article will read:

Except as provided in the Town’s Mandatory Recycling By-Law, the principal business of which is the storage of scrap metal for recycling.

Discussion followed by Kim Michaud, Denise Chagnon, Jessica Machado, Patrick MacDonald, Jeff Kardel, Lloyd Mendes, Chris Freitas, Eric Fisher. A motion was made by Rick Profio to move the question and seconded from the floor. The Moderator called for the vote. The motion to move the question carried by a nearly unanimous vote in the Main room, and unanimous in the Chariot and Venus Rooms as declared by the Moderator(s). The motion to amend failed by a majority vote in the Main room, nearly unanimous in the Venus room, and nearly unanimous in the Chariot room as declared by the Moderator(s).

The Moderator, hearing no further discussion on the original motion as amended to read “Except as provided in the Town’s Mandatory Recycling By-Law, the storage of scrap metal for recycling. The Moderator called for a standing counted vote. Yes – 163, No – 6 The Moderator declared that the motion carried obtaining more than the 2/3 required vote.

25c PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BYLAW

Section 4.2.6 Industrial, Wholesale Business & Storage Uses of Section 4.2 Table of Uses is hereby amended by adding the following described use which shall be prohibited in all zoning districts:

The rock; scrap concrete or scrap asphalt.

Motion: A motion was made by Allen Smith and seconded by several from the floor that the Town vote to accept Article 25c as written. Discussion followed by Stephen Cadorette, ZBA Chairman and a voter from the Venus room. A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by several to amend the article as written to add the words “the processing of” after the word The and before the word rock, due to a typographical error on the warrant as compared to the submitted petition. The motion carried by a unanimous vote in all rooms. The Moderator reiterates to the body that the article will read “The processing of rock, scrap concrete or scrap asphalt.” Discussion on the article as amended followed by Paul Connelly, Lloyd Mendes, Holly McNamara, Chief McNeil, and Brian Michaud. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a standing counted vote on the article as amended. Yes – 145, No - 16 The motion carried by more than the required 2/3 vote as declared by the Moderator.

25d PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BYLAW

Section 42.6 Industrial, Wholesale Business & Storage Uses of Section 4.2 Table of Uses is hereby amended by adding the following described use which shall be prohibited in all zoning districts:

The keeping of more than two used, damaged or undamaged. operable or inoperable automobiles, trucks, other vehicles, trailers, construction and farm equipment and machinery, except by a person licensed under MG-L C. 140, § 59 for on premises retail sales of undamaged vehicles.

Motion: A motion was made by Allen Smith to indefinitely postpone Article 25d. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lawless. Discussion followed by Allen Smith. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a standing vote. Motion carried by a unanimous vote in all rooms as declared by the Moderator(s).

A motion was made by Allen Smith and seconded by several on the floor for no reconsideration of Articles 25 a, b, c, and d. The motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote in all rooms as declared by the Moderator(s).

25e Proposed Noise Nuisance Bylaw for the Town of Somerset

Section 01 It is unlawful for any person to cause, or for any person in possession of property to allow to originate from the property, sound which has been determined a public nuisance noise.

(1) This section shall apply to, but shall not be limited to, prolonged unattended sounding of burglar alarms, construction and demolition equipment which characteristically emit sound but which may be fitted and accommodated with equipment such as enclosures to suppress sound, or may be operated in a manner so as to suppress sound, suppressible and preventable industrial and commercial sources of sound, and other manmade sounds that cause noise.

(2) This section shall not apply to sounds emitted during and associated with: (A) parades, public gatherings, or sporting events, for which all required town permits have been issued; (B) emergency police, fire, and ambulance vehicles; (C) police, fire, and civil and national defense activities; (D) customary, domestic

equipment such as lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and power saws, during Daytime; (E) temporary projects for the maintenance or repair of residential property and appurtenances; (F) discharge of firearms on authorized shooting ranges; (G) lawfully conducted blasting; (H) installation or repair of essential utility services; (I) bells, chimes, or carillons, not operating for more than five minutes in any one hour.

- Section 02Definitions
1. PERSON means an individual, partnership, association, firm, syndicate, company, trust, corporation, department, bureau or agency, or any other entity recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties.

2. PUBLIC NUISANCE NOISE means the presence amount of acoustic energy for that amount of time necessary to:

a) cause temporary or permanent hearing loss in persons exposed;

b) otherwise be injurious, or tend to be, on the basis of current information, injurious, to the public health or welfare;

c) cause a nuisance;

d) interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property or the conduct of business;

e) A source of sound if such source: (i) increases the broadband sound level by more than ten (10) dB(A) above ambient; and/or (ii) produces a "pure tone" condition - when any octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeds the two (2) adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by three(3) decibels or more.

or.

e) exceed standards or restrictions established herein or pursuant to the granting of any permit by the {Board of Selectmen/Board of Health}.

3. Acoustical terminology used throughout these Regulations is that most recently approved as American Standard Acoustical Terminology by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI); except as may be specified . otherwise herein.

4. NIGHTTIME shall mean the period between the hours of six post meridian (6:00 PM) and seven ante meridian (7:00 AM) except Saturday and Sunday, when Nighttime shall mean six post meridian (6:00 PM) and nine ante meridian (9:00 AM).

Section 03Standards or Restrictions

Measurement. Shall be taken at the property line and at the nearest inhabited residence. "Ambient" is defined as the background A-weighted sound level that is exceeded ninety (90) percent of the time, measured during vehicle or equipment operating hours. The ambient may also be established by other means with the consent of the Massachusetts Department of the Environmental Protection.

Maximum permissible sound pressure levels at specified points of measurement for noise radiated continuously from a facility during Nighttime shall be as follows:

Frequency Band (Cycles per second)	Sound Pressure Level (Decibels re 0.0002 syne/CM ²)
20-75	69
75-100	54
150-300	47
300-600	41
600-1,200	37
1,200-2,400	34
2,400 - 4800	31
4,900 – 10,000	28

If the sound is not smooth and continuous, the following corrections should be added to each of the actual decibels levels given:

- Daytime operation only +5
- Noise source operates less than 20% of any hour period +5

Section 04

Enforcement. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the police department or the board of health, and the building commissioner in the connection activities undertaken pursuant to the state building code, and the zoning administrator in connection with activities undertaken pursuant to the Somerset Zoning Bylaw.

Enforcement of this bylaw is hereby authorized in accordance with provisions of Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, for non-criminal disposition of violations.

Section 05

Penalties.
Any person who violates any section of this chapter shall be fined for a first offense \$100.00.

Any person who willfully or knowingly violates any section of this chapter shall be fined for a first offense \$100.00, a second offense the sum of \$200.00 and \$300.00 for a third and subsequent offense. Each day of violation of any section of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 06

Other enforcement remedies.

This Noise Nuisance Bylaw shall not be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action or legal remedy therefrom of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this chapter or from other law.

The Planning Board makes no recommendation on this article.

The Moderator gives the body some time to read and review Article 25e.

Motion: A motion was made by Allen Smith and seconded by several from the floor that the Town vote to accept Article 25e as written. Discussion followed by Allen Smith and he made a motion to amend Section 2 (04) to delete the word “six’ after the word of and insert the word “ten” and delete the number (6:00 PM) and insert the number (10:00 PM) and after the word “mean” delete the word “six” and insert the word “ten” and delete the number (6:00 PM) and insert the number (10:00 PM). Discussion followed by Allen Smith, Sam Bianco, Ryan Mille, Lloyd Mendes, and Tom Ouellette. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. The motion to amend carried by a majority vote in all rooms as declared by the Moderator(s). The Moderator opened the floor to discussion on the article as amended. Discussion followed by Richard Peirce, Sam Bianco, Ed Souza, Lloyd Mendes, Lorne Lawless, James Burke, Mike Durand, Paul Cadrin, Victor Machado, and Rend Driscoll. A motion was made by Ms. Driscoll and seconded by several from the floor that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 25e. Discussion on indefinite postponement followed by Jeff Kardel, Steve Chagnon, Jessica Machado, Maria DaCosta, Patricia McDonald, and Tony Arias. Hearing no further discussion on the motion to indefinitely postpone Article 25e, the Moderator called for a standing counted vote, as a voice vote was not clear to the Moderators. Yes – 57, No – 82 Motion on indefinite postponement failed by a majority vote. A motion was made from the floor and seconded by several on the floor to move the question. Motion carried by a unanimous vote in all rooms. The Moderator called for a standing counted vote on the motion to accept Article 25e as amended. Yes – 83, No 52 The motion carried by a majority vote.

A motion was made from the floor and seconded by several from the floor for no reconsideration of Article 25e. Motion carried by a nearly unanimous vote.

The Moderator declared that all Articles of the Annual Town Meeting have been acted on and entertained a motion to dissolve the meeting. A motion was made by Selectman McNamara and seconded by several to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 11:17 pm. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attendance: 383

A true copy attest;

Dolores Berge

Dolores Berge, Town Clerk



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Re: Somerset Annual Town Meeting of August 3, 2020 – Case # 9897
Warrant Article # 25 (Zoning)
Warrant Article # 25 (General)

Dear Ms. Berge:

Article 25 - As explained in more detail below, because we cannot conclude that Article 25 is inconsistent with state law we approve the general and zoning by-law amendments adopted under it at the Somerset August 3, 2020, Annual Town Meeting. Article 25 amends the Town's zoning by-laws to prohibit certain uses in the Town and also amends the Town's general by-laws to add a new noise nuisance by-law.

In this decision, we summarize the Attorney General's standard of review of town by-laws; and then explain why, based on our standard of review, we approve Article 25. We emphasize that our approval in no way implies any agreement or disagreement with the policy views that led to the passage of the by-law amendments.

The Attorney General's limited standard of review requires her to approve or disapprove by-law text based solely on its consistency with state law and not on any policy views she may have on the subject matter or wisdom of the by-law text. Amherst v. Attorney General, 398 Mass. 793, 795-96, 798-99 (1986). The proper focus of the Attorney General's review of a by-law is whether the by-law violates state law or constitutional provisions, is arbitrary or unreasonable, or is substantially unrelated to the public health, safety, or general welfare. Durand v. IDC Bellingham, LLC, 440 Mass. 45, 57 (2003). We also make no determination regarding how the by-law amendments at issue here might affect any proposed or existing structure, use or project.¹ The application of a by-law, and specifically, zoning by-laws to particular uses, structures, and

¹ The Town should discuss with Town Counsel the protections given to existing uses and structures under G.L. c. 40A, § 6, before it applies the by-law amendments adopted under Article 25 to a specific use, structure, or project in the Town.

projects is beyond the scope of the Attorney General's by-law review under the General Laws. Nor can the Attorney General's analysis take into account or consider suggestions that the by-law amendments may have been adopted to counter-act an existing or proposed use or structure, as the scope of the Attorney General's review does not extend to evaluating the town meeting action based upon the alleged motive of the town. See Andrews v. Amherst, 68 Mass. App. Ct. 365, 368 (2007); see also W.R. Grace & Co. v. Cambridge City Council, 56 Mass. App. Ct. 559, 568 (2002) (the validity of a zoning amendment does not turn on the motives of their supporters).

During our review, we received correspondence from a resident of the Town urging the Attorney General to disapprove Article 25 because: (1) it was written by a group of residents opposed to a business located at the Brayton Point Commerce Center and (2) the noise by-law will prohibit all types of construction activities and it is impossible to enforce. We appreciate this input as it has assisted in our review. However, this input does not provide grounds for the Attorney General to disapprove Article 25.

I. Summary of Article 25

Article 25 includes four separate votes that amend the Town's zoning by-laws and its general by-laws. First, Article 25 (a) amends the Town's Table of Uses, Section 4.2.6, "Industrial, Wholesale Business & Storage Uses" by adding "The processing of scrap metal by shredding or crushing" to the Town's list of uses and by prohibiting such use in all of the Town's zoning districts. Article 25 (b) also amends the Town's Table of Uses, Section 4.2.6 by adding the following text to the Town's list of uses and by prohibiting such use in all of the Town's zoning districts:

Except as provided in the Town's Mandatory Recycling By-law, the storage of scrap metal for recycling

Article 25 (c) amends the Town's Table of Uses, Section 4.2.6, by adding "The rock; scrap concrete or scrap asphalt" to the Town's list of uses and by prohibiting such use in all of the Town's zoning districts. Finally, Article 25 (e) adds to the Town's general by-laws a new "Noise Nuisance Bylaw" that prohibits "public nuisance noise" in the Town. The new noise by-law defines a "public nuisance noise" as follows:

Public Nuisance Noise means the presence [sic] amount of acoustic energy for that amount of time necessary to:

- a) cause temporary or permanent hearing loss in persons exposed;
- b) otherwise be injurious, or tend to be, on the basis of current information, injurious, to the public health or welfare;
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or

- f) exceed standards or restrictions established herein or pursuant to the granting of any permit by the {Board of Selectmen/Board of Health}.

Section 02, “Definitions.”

The new noise by-law also includes details on where sound measurements will be taken, who will enforce the by-law and the fine amounts for violations of the by-law. Sections 03, 04, and 05, respectively

II. Attorney General’s Standard of Review

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, the Attorney General has a “limited power of disapproval,” and “[i]t is fundamental that every presumption is to be made in favor of the validity of municipal by-laws.” Amherst, 398 Mass. at 795-96. The Attorney General does not review the policy arguments for or against the enactment. Id. at 798-99 (“Neither we nor the Attorney General may comment on the wisdom of the town’s by-law.”) Rather, in order to disapprove a by-law (or any portion thereof), the Attorney General must cite an inconsistency between the by-law and the state Constitution or laws. Id. at 796. “As a general proposition the cases dealing with the repugnancy or inconsistency of local regulations with State statutes have given considerable latitude to municipalities, requiring a sharp conflict between the local and State provisions before the local regulation has been held invalid.” Bloom v. Worcester, 363 Mass. 136, 154 (1973). “The legislative intent to preclude local action must be clear.” Id. at 155. Massachusetts has the “strongest type of home rule and municipal action is presumed to be valid.” Connors v. City of Boston, 430 Mass. 31, 35 (1999) (internal quotations and citations omitted).

Because Article 25 includes amendments to the Town’s zoning by-laws, it must be accorded deference. W.R. Grace & Co. v. Cambridge City Council, 56 Mass. App. Ct. 559, 566 (2002) (“With respect to the exercise of their powers under the Zoning Act, we accord municipalities deference as to their legislative choices and their exercise of discretion regarding zoning orders.”). When reviewing zoning by-laws for consistency with the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth, the Attorney General’s standard of review is equivalent to that of a court. “[T]he proper focus of review of a zoning enactment is whether it violates State law or constitutional provisions, is arbitrary or unreasonable, or is substantially unrelated to the public health, safety or general welfare.” Durand v. IDC Bellingham, LLC, 440 Mass. 45, 57 (2003). Because the adoption of a zoning by-law by the voters at Town Meeting is both the exercise of the Town’s police power and a legislative act, the vote carries a “strong presumption of validity.” Id. at 51. “Zoning has always been treated as a local matter and much weight must be accorded to the judgment of the local legislative body, since it is familiar with local conditions.” Concord v. Attorney General, 336 Mass. 17, 25 (1957) (quoting Burnham v. Board of Appeals of Gloucester, 333 Mass. 114, 117 (1955)). “If the reasonableness of a zoning bylaw is even ‘fairly debatable, the judgment of the local legislative body responsible for the enactment must be sustained.’” Durand, 440 Mass. at 51 (quoting Crall v. City of Leominster, 362 Mass. 95, 101 (1972)). In general, a municipality “is given broad authority to establish zoning districts regulating the use and improvement of the land within its borders.” Andrews v. Amherst, 68 Mass. App. Ct. 365, 367-368 (2007). However, a municipality has no power to adopt a zoning by-law that is “inconsistent with the constitution or laws enacted by the [Legislature].” Home Rule Amendment, Mass. Const. amend. art. 2, § 6.

III. Comments on Specific Provisions of Noise Nuisance By-law

The new noise by-law prohibits sound that is determined to be a “public nuisance noise” as that term is defined in Section 02 of the by-law. Although we approve the by-law, some of the terms and phrases regarding prohibited public nuisance noise are not defined. For example, the phrases “injurious . . . on the basis of current information,” and “interfere[s] with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property” are not defined. Because of the lack of defined terms and phrases, the by-law may be subject to challenge in court on vagueness grounds. In order to avoid a vagueness challenge, the Town may wish to consult with Town Counsel regarding future amendments to the by-law to clarify these terms and phrases.

Note: Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date that these posting and publishing requirement are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were voted by Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

Very truly yours,
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9 Templeton Pkwy Watertown MA 02472, United States
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38-98 Elton Ave Watertown, MA, 02472, USA
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204 Arsenal Street Watertown, Massachusetts, 02472
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234 Warren St Watertown, MA 02472, USA
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19 Morse St Watertown MA 02472, United States
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7 Molloy St Watertown, MA 02472, USA
46 Prospect St Watertown MA 02472, United States
23 Irma Avenue Watertown, Massachusetts, 02472
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14-30 Wells Ave Watertown Town, MA, 02472, USA

Description

For the past week, there has been a persistent, high-pitched ringing sound. It sounds like beeping, you know. Noxious fumes are being emitted from on-site construction. Not only are they unpleasant, they are causing headaches. Part of the guttering in 110 Fayette St has collapsed and is hanging loose and is clattering against the sidewalk. Snow Removal with loud beeping trucks for over half an hour at 2am!!!

Neighbors at 105 Lexington St consistently play loud noise heavy bass music. I have asked my landlord. Apt 2 regularly plays music so loud with the base that when I have gone over to ask to lower the music. They are doing construction on the bottom floor of the Mills apartments every morning and start somewhere around 7am. Arranta Bio produced noise between roughly 10:20 pm and 10:50 pm on January 23, 2024. The attached photo shows a red Jeep with a plow that comes to St Stephen's Armenian Preschool whenever it serves lunch. There is a guy in a red Jeep with a plow that comes to St Stephen's Armenian Preschool whenever it serves lunch. 645 is not 7, this dumpster is being replaced loudly before the noise ordinance.

Loud idling construction vehicle, backing up (beeping) and unloading loud/heavy equipment at 6 am on Monday. Noise violation dumpster drop off 630-645am

We live at Boulevard and Bond - 66 Bond St - and they've been working construction (drilling, hammering, etc.) for weeks. The ground is vibrating and there is a high pitched sound emitting down the street. Older people can't hear it. High pitched noise fairly continuously going off near Newlywed foods. Unsure of origin.

The ground is vibrating. Spoken to multiple neighbors and they agree. High pitched sound down the street. At night and during the day, there are number of cars with loud mufflers that are excessively loud. Can't hear anything. Bio company produced persistent humming sound at 2:30 am for 50 minutes. The sound was about 60 dB. The high pitched whistling is back and makes it very unpleasant to do anything outside. It really needs to be fixed. This junction box at the Cunniff School was making a loud high-pitched noise on Saturday morning. My neighbor's construction noise started at 6:35am this morning and has been going continuously since. Some sort of construction. BP and Recycling trucks are back to the annoying habit of picking up before the approved time to do so. Construction work has continued past the hours outlined in "§ 95.01 Prohibition of noise emissions." Get it fixed. Again with the pick ups before 6am!

Very high pitched sound coming from newlyweds. This happens often, can't stand to be outside and my ears are ringing. High pitched noise down the street, my ears are singing. Neighbors have been complaining for months. High-pitched noise is coming from the newlyweds foods factory.

Power washing with loud engine at 6:30am in the morning

Trash/recycling removal continually arriving prior to 7am. Have reported this in the past and it has started again. High pitched ringing all around the block. Piercing my ears, my dog won't stop barking it's torture. I can't sleep. I also live on Hearn street and am suffering due to the constant, high pitched whistling. It's inducing tinnitus. High pitched noise coming from the direction of the factory.

New ginza has an oil company removing grease after hours. Isn't this something that can be done at a regular time? The high pitched whistle continues. I called the police department last night in the non emergency line and they said they would look into it. The alarm has been going all weekend, high-pitched noise. Shocked and appalled that no action has been taken. There is another high pitched whistling emanating from the factory. This is not only annoying - the fact that it's constant. Received a video from a constituent residing at 134 Coolidge Ave, that shows a low humming noise at night. The factory is making a high pitched awful noise.

I woke up due to a truck arriving at Newly Weds Foods. I can hear loud beeping noises as well as slamming doors. Could not attach a video but beginning around 4am, there has been the sound of someone playing their guitar. They started road work/drilling at 6:30 the last 2 mornings.

Gas-powered leaf blowers causing noise pollution

Construction started before 7am and it's noisy

Construction continued well past 7pm using an electric saw and hammers. 108 Fayette B

Please stop the trucks jacking up and down Mt Auburn St, Square and Galen St and sometimes I hear them on other streets. The high pitched ringing noise. I have a migraine I feel sick.

We just returned from a weekend away and were bombarded by the high pitched whistling from the factory.

There are more than one person outside sitting in their car with loud music and a smell of weed.
Received a complaint from a constituent that there is continuous noise coming from this building, says t
Saw a cop loitering outside this morning between Hearn street and Malloy. Is any work actually being d
The dumpster at the Phillips school is consistently emptied before 7AM The movie is very loud and con
Construction machines started operating before 6:30 am on 5/3/24
Residents of this home are blaring music loudly. They are outside, presumably behind the house, and c
There is a strange high pitched ringing that goes up and down in front of tufts
7:20 am and there's a gas powered leaf blower in use next door.
Constituent reported loud air compressor being used by the Volkswagen dealership in the back near Ri

Good morning, Residents at 37-39 Bradshaw St fairly regularly play extremely loud music after hours, in

An extremely loud high-pitched noise sounded while my husband and I walked on the sidewalk by this h
There are landscapers that begin their work at 11 Duff St at 7am on weekdays This is very early and e
The yellow house on the corner (730 Mt Auburn) has multiple Yard Sentinel Ultrasonic Pest Repellent d
Extraordinarily loud music since 7pm

The upstairs unit at this address blasts music all through the night. As evidenced by the timestamp of th
Loud parties outside every night

Constituent escalated 7 trucks that are idling in front of 125 Coolidge Ave.

Constituent advised The owners of this empty lot, across the street from the Sons of Italy on Pleasant S
Trash pick up and using trash compactor at 4 in the morning.

Trash pickup by E.L. Harvey waste removal every Monday and Wednesday between 4 and 5 am. Not s
Loud music in area around Kura Sushi — >60dB since 11 am

Workers are arriving before 7 am and using very loud grinding and hammering tools. This has been goi
So much noise ! For a Sunday !

It's been so disturbing the noise for a Sunday ! It's been nonstop!

Not an exact location but have heard intermittent fireworks since around 4pm on 7/21 (it is 10:30pm) ne
105 Lexington's central air unit has caused excessive noise for the last 2 summers. It effects the neigh
Extremely loud music currently blaring out of D&M lawnmower repair, 10:40pm, 7/27.

Partying in backyard with loud music. 11:06 pm and still going strong ..

Construction work banging/drilling/pounding loud noise/playing music on a Sunday morning at 7am. The

I'm concerned that the construction workers are drinking alcohol on the job because there are numerou

Very loud music coming from the parking lot in the plaza. Has been going for a while now. Have heard

Starbucks dumpsters being emptied at 5 AM. 20 minutes of loud banging should not be happening this

Around 5:45 AM the Harvey trash truck arrived, waking us up.

E.L. Harvey trash truck arrived at 5:42 am to collect trash, loudly backing up in alley way and banging d

Loud dance music in Sweetgreen area

Loud Music Scooters Verbally insulting Neighbors

Heavy machinery operating at 5:50am to deliver a dumpster at the building site at 71 Whites Ave. Spok

Contractors hired by the city/state are currently painting the lines on Arsenal Street. They started at 10:3

Dumpster pull at 6:05 am. Frequent dumpster pulls very early. Sounds like a bomb or a car accident.

The laboratory at 250 Arsenal St violated the noise ordinance. They started using a crane to remove ma

There has been loud metal music playing on the balcony from our neighbors from 5 until pretty late for t

Trash pickup 2:17am

E.L. Harvey picking up trash at 6 am. This is a consistent problem and is still happening almost every M

Harvey trash truck repeatedly comes before 7AM. Today they were outside a little past 6 AM.

Harvey trash truck routinely comes to the land at 250 Arsenal before 7AM. Today they were removing ti

Construction equipment needlessly idling from 1pm-1:52pm. This is very close to my house, I have my adding empty and removing full construction dumpsters. The trucks had to latch the dumpsters and also The Phillips school dumpster continues to be emptied before 7 AM. This is continued since reported in Republic is delivering/removing dumpster with loud noises, banging and beeping at 4:00 am at Monique E.L. Harvey picking up trash AGAIN at 4:30 am. This has been happening every Monday and Wednesday. Harvey trash pickup is once again on site at 5:30 AM and waking us up. I have submitted multiple complaints. Heavy construction/demolition noise until past 11 PM. Has gone on for multiple nights. Dumpster empty/pull at 5:30 am. VERY loud, scares the kids and me. Sounds like an explosion! Happening. The residents living downstairs (Room 308) play super loud music late at night, from 12:00 am - 3 am. The residents living downstairs (Room 308) play super loud music late at night, from 12:00 am - 3 am. Private trash pickup at this address @1:30 am today! It's very loud. US Foods truck was parked at the corner of Kingsbury & Talcott Ave making deliveries to 4 Kingsbury. Exterior doors are left open at Phillips and Parker bldgs so banging noise is heard thru neighborhood. This house has two tenants who set up a tent in the backyard and they keep making noise all the night. Two tenants (Sneha & Roman) living at 133 Standish rd have set up a tent outside and they are very noisy. Noisy tenants (Roman and Sneha) who live at 133 Standish Rd. They set up a tent in their backyard and Tenants (Roman Geleperin and Sneha Harsh) are making so much noise at night. They set up a tent and Extremely loud music is being played over loudspeakers in the Buckingham Brown And Nichols Grove. There's a lot of very loud music coming from the BB&N Athletic Field on Grove Street, don't know if there is. So much noise all the night. There are two tenants (Roman & Sneha) who stay awake all night and make Contractor repaving Morse street dropping off and moving heavy equipment between 5 and 6am today. Extremely loud noise at the daycare next door making it hard for resident to work from home. Loud outdoor party at 23-25 Adams St in Waterown. Backyard of multi family house. Happening for hours. Loud party in backyard has been going on for at least 2 hours. (now 9:30pm.) Music and voices can be heard. Loud backyard party has been going on for hours. kids are constantly screaming and loud music.

Loud backyard party. young children constantly shrieking at the top of their lungs for hours. Harvey trash removal is here at 4:50 AM again. Garage or building alarm is constantly sounding. Someone with a loud muffler car running late at night, or any time of day, for long periods, and the need to stop. They started working at 6:28 am outside my house with beeping and loud dragging of metal. This pottery studio has recently opened a new outdoor kiln area located off the back of the building. Pex Lamborghini modified making massive amounts of noise. Loud music coming from BB&N field. I hope this is the appropriate place to report this, but the construction team at 221 Acton street has been here. Hello, I, like many of my fellow neighbors am making a complaint about the noise volume at the BB&N field. There was a trash truck emptying a dumpster at 12:30am on the corner of Mt Auburn St and Elton. Resident. It is 6:16 AM on Monday 11/25 and I heard a garbage truck outside. Do they really have to do it this early? Neighbors keep turning up the volume of their speakers every Friday. They have done this two weeks in a row.

High-pitched nois coming from the Newlyweds factory. this happened before. Large, loud idling dump truck on Prospect St. Idling for 30 minutes so far...more concerned about the air quality. The second floor has been very loud due to a party. Significant amount of loud drivers (honking, doing circles in the street, drag racing) at night. There are 5 trucks that look like utility vehicles idling in the lot opposite my house (behind the CVS at 6:15

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MEMOMORANDUM

To: Honorable City Council

From: Doug Newton, Municipal Policy Analyst

Re: Watertown Noise Ordinance

Date: January 9, 2024

Introduction and Background

Council President Mark Sideris has tasked me with conducting research into a potential update to Watertown's noise ordinance. The Watertown City Council last considered an update to its noise ordinance in 2021. I have reviewed minutes from the March 30th, 2021 Special Council Meeting in which the proposed changes to the ordinance were debated. As the City of Watertown seeks again to update its noise ordinance, I have conducted research into the noise ordinances of Belmont, Newton, Arlington, and Somerville. I have also had conversations with local officials and subject matter experts. Below are my findings as well as some conclusions I have drawn from my research.

Context for Noise Levels

The unit of measure for noise is decibels. The abbreviation "dBA" refers to "A-weighted decibels," which factors in the frequencies of sound in terms of impact on human hearing. It is understood that "dBA" is a better measure than "dB" for impact on human hearing. Prolonged exposure (8 or more hours per day) to 75 dBA can lead to hearing loss. Noise levels of 140 dBA can cause hearing damage with just one exposure. An increase of 3 dBA is equal to doubling the noise level. The following points provide some context for the measure of noise using decibels.

- Normal breathing: 10 dBA
 - Whispering at 5 feet: 20 dBA
 - Soft whisper: 30 dBA
 - Rainfall: 30 dBA
 - Normal Conversation: 60 dBA
 - Washing Machine 50-75 dBA (at source)
 - Air conditioner: 50-75 dBA (at source)
 - Vacuum Cleaner: 60-85 dBA (at source)
 - Shouting in ear: 110 dBA
 - Thunder: 120 dBA
- Source: <https://noiseawareness.org/info-center/common-noise-levels/>

Survey of Nearby Communities

Please note that noise ordinances vary significantly from one community to the next. Some are highly specific and detailed, such as Newton's, whereas others may not be.

Belmont:

- Has two "Noise Zones."
 - o Noise Zone 1: All residential properties, school grounds, health care institutions, houses of worship, libraries, cemeteries, open space subdistricts
 - o Noise Zone 2: All other properties.
- Maximum Allowable Exterior Noise Levels from 7AM to 10PM:
 - o Noise Zone 1: 55 dBA
 - o Noise Zone 2: 65 dBA
- Maximum Allowable Exterior Noise Levels from 10PM to 7AM
 - o Noise Zone 1: 45 dBA
 - o Noise Zone 2: 60 dBA

Construction noise:

- Permitted between 7AM and 8PM on weekdays and Saturdays
 - o Noise from non-impact devices must not exceed 70 dBA as measured over a time interval of 10 minutes with a sound level meter located on any other property at least 50 feet away from the construction site.
 - o Noise from impact devices must not exceed 90 dBA as measured with a sound level meter located on any other property at least 50 feet away from the construction site.
- Between 8PM and 7AM, as well as on Sundays and holidays, construction noise is limited to the same levels as exterior noise.

Maintenance noise:

- Permitted between 7AM and 8PM on weekdays and Saturdays, as well as between the hours of 9AM and 8PM on Sunday
 - o Noise level must not exceed 80 dBA as measured with a sound-level meter on any other property at least 50 feet away from the maintenance activity.
- Between the hours of 8PM and 7AM, or on Sundays and holidays, the same standards as for exterior noise are used.

Newton:

Maximum Noise Levels:

- The distance from which noise can be measured varies by source. Depending on the source, Newton either uses fifty feet from the source or fifty feet from the nearest point of pass-by.
 - o All vehicles over 10,000 lbs: 86 dBA
 - o All motorcycles: 82 dBA
 - o Automobiles and light trucks: 75 dBA
 - o Backhoe, bulldozer, concrete mixer, dump truck, loader, paver, pneumatic tools, roller, scraper: 90 dBA
 - o Air compressor: 85 dBA
 - o Generator: 90 dBA
 - o Electric drills, sanders, saws (except chainsaws), other power tools: 75 dBA

- Commercial chipper: 90 dBA
 - Commercial truck-mounted leaf vacuum: 90 dBA
 - All other equipment, including lawnmower, home tractor or trimmer: 65 dBA
 - Tonal Sound Correction: When a tonal sound (a sound emitting a single frequency) is emitted from an above source, the maximum noise level is 5dBA lower than prescribed above.
- Noise from electric motor or internal combustion engine employed in yard, garden or grounds maintenance:
 - prohibited between 8PM and 7AM on weekdays or 8PM and 9:30 AM on weekends and holidays.
- Noise from construction and demolition activity:
 - Prohibited between 7PM and 7AM on weekdays and 8PM to 9:30 AM on Saturdays
 - Prohibited at all hours on Sundays and holidays
- Noise from public address loudspeakers:
 - Prohibited from 9PM to 7AM every day of the week
- Automobile noise:
 - Prohibition on leaving any automobile running while not in traffic for more than 5 minutes within 300 feet of any home or dwelling
 - Deliveries and pickups for businesses prohibited within 300 feet of any home or dwelling between midnight and 6AM with the exceptions of gas stations, government offices and any pickups or deliveries that do not make excess noise.
 - Trash pickup is prohibited between 7PM and 7AM within 300 feet of any home or dwelling
- Newton also has a general rule against disturbing the peace via any “unreasonable or excessive noise” between 11PM and 7AM unless one has a permit from the city.
- HVAC Systems:
 - Prohibited if it causes the noise level on the premises to be 5dBA higher than normal.
 - HVAC system maintenance, whether routine or emergency, is exempt from this prohibition
- Leaf Blowers:
 - Prohibited from Memorial Day to Labor Day, also on Sundays and legal holidays.
 - Exception: One electronic or battery powered leaf blower below 65 dBA during the times allowed below
 - From Labor Day to Memorial Day: Leafblowers may be used Monday through Friday 7AM to 5PM or Saturday 8AM to 5PM.
 - Exception: Resident of the property between 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM, or on contiguous lots of at least 30 acres used for institutional or recreational purposes between 9:30 and 12PM
 - Leafblowers must be manufactured after 1/1/2005 for Class 4 engines and after 1/1/2008 for Class 5 engines; must also bear an affixed manufacturer’s label indicating the model number of the leafblower.
- Fines for violations may not exceed \$300, with each day a violation continues considered a separate offense.

- All snow clearing activity is exempt from Newton's noise ordinance.

Arlington:

- Maximum Noise Levels: Sound measurements can be made at any location lawfully accessible to the public for noise in public places. For noise on private property, measurements can be made at the boundary line of the property.
 - o Maximum noise level of 85 dBA with the exception of construction and maintenance work, which can be authorized to be louder by the Town Manager.
 - o No distinction between residential or commercial zones.
- The following are prohibited between 6PM and 8AM on weekdays or 5PM to 9AM on weekends and holidays:
 - o Use of heavy equipment
 - o Electric motors or internal combustion engines used in construction, drilling, demolition, maintenance, or earth moving.
 - Includes but is not limited to bulldozers, backhoes, concrete mixers, dump trucks, pneumatic tools, rollers, scrapers, air compressors, generators, jackhammers, cranes, pavement breakers, pile drivers, rock drills, and chainsaws
- Loudspeakers prohibited between 9PM and 8AM
- Bug Zappers prohibited between 10PM and 7AM
 - o Defined as any electronic device for the purpose of killing, trapping, or repelling any pest or insect.
- Leafblowers:
 - o Gas powered leafblowers are prohibited between May 31st and September 15th except for certain commercial and municipal exceptions
 - o Electric leafblowers may be used for the full calendar year between 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM on weekdays and 8AM to 4PM on weekends and holidays.
- Violations for noise will receive a written warning on first offense, \$100 fine for second offense, and \$200 for each subsequent offense.

Somerville:

Maximum Noise Levels:

Duration of Sound	I	II	III
	7 AM 6 PM (all districts)	6 PM 10 PM (residential districts) 6PM 7AM (all other districts)	10 PM 7 AM (residential districts)
Less than 10 minutes	75 db	70 db	60 db
Between 10 minutes and 2 hours	70 db	60 db	50 db
In excess of 2 hours	60 db	50 db	40 db

- Exempts construction noise and "the usual and customary noise incidental to urban life."
- The following standards can be used to determine whether a violation of the noise ordinance exists:
 - o Level of noise

- Time of day or night
- Duration of noise
- Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant
- Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual
- Whether the origin of the noise is natural or unnatural
- The level and intensity of the background noise, if any
- The proximity of the noise to residential sleeping facilities
- The density of the inhabitation of the area within which the noise emanates
- The nature of the zoning area within which the noise emanates
- The following are declared to be “loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises”
 - Air conditioners: When “in such a manner as to create a disturbance”
 - Animals and birds: When one “creates a noise disturbance”
 - Construction: Prohibited Before 7AM or after 7PM on weekdays; before 9AM and after 7PM on weekends and holidays
 - Domestic power tools: Prohibited between 9PM and 7AM on weekdays; between 9PM and 9AM on weekends and holidays
 - Alarms: Must be terminated “within minutes” of sounding and not sound again within the hour. Each ten minute interval of sounding within an hour after the initial sounding shall constitute a separate violation
 - Car alarm that has been sounding in excess of ten minutes is subject to abatement. Police must first make a reasonable attempt to contact the owner of the vehicle. If that is unsuccessful, they may then tow.
- Stationary nonemergency signaling devices (bells, sirens, chimes, etc.): Prohibited in excess of 10 minutes
 - Religious worship is exempt from this
- Engine exhausts: Prohibited except through a muffler or other device to prevent loud or explosive noises
 - Vehicles with a defect which causes excess noise are also prohibited
- Explosives, firearms and similar devices: Impulsive sound can create a noise disturbance
- Defect in vehicle or load: The use within the city of any wagon, cart, motor vehicle, truck, motorcycle, or other vehicle, so out of repair or loaded in such manner or with material of such nature as to create loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noises.
- Horns and other signaling devices: The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or other vehicle on any street or public place of the city, except as a danger warning; the creation by means of any such signaling device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; the sounding of any such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time; the use of any signaling device except one operated by hand or electricity; the use of any horn, whistle or other device operated by engine exhaust; and the use of any such signaling device when traffic is for any reason held up. The use of sirens, except by authorized emergency vehicles, is prohibited.
- Loading and unloading: Loading, unloading, opening, closing or other handling of boxes, crates, containers, building materials, garbage cans, dumpsters or similar objects between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

- Loudspeakers and public address system: Unless otherwise permitted by a duly authorized agent of the city, using or operating for any purpose any loudspeaker, public address system, or similar device (1) such that the sound therefrom creates a noise disturbance; or (2) between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Radios, television sets, musical instruments, and similar devices: Operating, playing or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier, or similar device which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance.
- Shouting: Shouting, yelling, hooting, whistling, or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or at any time or place so as to create a noise disturbance.
- Street sales: Offering for sale or selling anything by shouting or outcry within any residential or commercial area of the city, except in a stadium or sports arena. Ice cream trucks shall be exempt from this section.
- Vehicle repairs and testing: Repairing, rebuilding, modifying, or testing any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or motorboat in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance.
- Vibration: Operating or permitting the operation of any device that creates vibration which is above the vibration perception threshold of an individual at or beyond the property boundary of the source if on private property or at 50 feet from the source if on a public space or public right-of-way.

Review of Meetings with Experts & Advocates

Les Bromberg, Noise Pollution Clearinghouse:

On November 13th, 2023, I met with Les Bromberg of the [Noise Pollution Clearinghouse](#), a non-profit based in Vermont dedicated to reducing noise pollution. Les reviewed Watertown's existing noise ordinance and found the following pros and cons:

Pros:

- Matches Massachusetts State Regulations
- Decibel standards make sense
- Reasonable as a planning and zoning standard.

Cons:

- Criminal penalty rather than civil
- Using background noise levels as a standard can lead to a noisier city over time as background noise increases.
- Difficult and expensive to enforce:
 - o Requires equipment to measure dBA, cost is roughly \$5,000. Equipment must also be recalibrated for \$1,000 each year. If equipment used to measure a noise violation was not calibrated in the past year it would not hold up in court.
 - o Requires training to use the equipment, which can also be quite costly.
- Is not comprehensive. Does not cover:
 - o Motor vehicles

- Music/Parties
- Trash pickup
- Impulsive noise (noise that lasts roughly one second).
- Low frequency noise
- Animals
- Interior (in a multi-unit building, for example)
- Public lands
- Is not particularly protective of sleep.
- Lacks common regulatory tools that are not difficult expensive to enforce
 - Nuisance
 - Plainly audible
 - Zoning district/land use
 - Distance
 - Day of week

To sum up, Les feels strongly that a noise ordinance must be simple and easy to enforce while still being comprehensive and effective. In his view, a noise ordinance violation should be enforced with a civil penalty rather than a criminal penalty. This allows for the use of standards such as “nuisance” or “plainly audible” in enforcement. Ideally, a police officer will simply be able to ask a violator to turn down the noise and that will be the end of any issue. If an issue persists, the “plainly audible” or “nuisance” standard can be used to assess a civil penalty. The decibel levels should remain in the law, however, and can be used to assess a criminal penalty only as a last resort for severe and repeat violators. Attachment 1 to this memo is a model noise ordinance from the United States Environmental Protection Agency that Les has marked up with suggested edits.

Matthew Zaino, Deputy Director of Inspectional Services, City of Somerville:

On November 14th, 2023, I met with Matthew Zaino of the City of Somerville. I was connected with Matt by Emily Monea, Deputy City Manager of the City of Watertown. Matt also emphasized that decibel levels are difficult to enforce in a noise ordinance due to the need for specialized equipment which must be calibrated annually at a steep cost. He did note that the City of Somerville recently had complaints about an ice rink owned by the Commonwealth and that DEP loaned the city the necessary equipment to measure the noise levels. The City of Somerville has purchased a device for roughly \$8,000 to measure decibel levels which requires a stand in order to take an accurate measurement. Matt opined that it is not sensible for a city to pass an ordinance with decibel level limits if it does not have the necessary equipment to measure and enforce them. He added that for construction noise Somerville has only time restrictions, not decibel levels. Notably, Somerville has a separate ordinance for leafblowers which limits decibel levels to a point where in all practicality only electric leafblowers will be permitted. That said, he added that Somerville has not stringently enforced its leafblower ordinance.

Watertown Police Department:

On January 9, 2024, I spoke with Captain Ken Delaney of the Watertown Police Department. Captain Delaney mentioned the following issues that have come up in the city related to noise:

- Construction vehicles often start up and begin getting ready for work at 6:45 AM. This technically does not violate the current noise ordinance as long as they are not actively working, but it still leads to calls due to the noise. This has come up on Howard Street.
- The police often receive complaints from apartment buildings, particularly by Arsenal Yards, for noise complaints stemming from another unit. Loud music is a common example of this.
- Trucks occasionally idle waiting for a business to open. In the winter, the department rarely receives complaints, but as more windows open in warmer weather they do receive calls. This has particularly come up by Coolidge Avenue & Arlington Street.

Of note, the police department does not have a noise meter and does not have a full list of all noise complaints received. Captain Delaney asked me if the Health Department has any noise meters and I confirmed that they have two.

Steve Magoon & Abbey Myers, City of Watertown:

On December 7th, 2023, I met with Watertown's Assistant City Manager for Community Development and Planning Steve Magoon and Director of Public Health Abbey Myers.

Key Takeaways:

- The health department handles constant noise complaints such as construction or HVAC. The police department would respond to a more spontaneous noise complaint such as a loud party.
- The health department has two noise meters which are calibrated once per year, ensuring that their measurements are enforceable.
- The definition of background noise in the current ordinance can cause confusion and should be clarified. Interpreting background noise in a city such as ours can also be quite difficult.
 - o However, eliminating the use of background noise altogether from the ordinance presents challenges. Mainly, noise is perceived very differently based on the background noise.
- When crafting a new ordinance, it is important to keep in mind the burden that would be placed on city departments in terms of enforcement. New regulations will require more work to enforce.
- It is also important to be mindful of the burden that a new ordinance could place on residents and businesses. For instance, noise barriers for laboratories could cost upwards of \$100,000

Laura Murray, Constituent Services Director, City of Watertown:

Laura Murray has provided me with a full list of noise complaints that the city has received from January 26, 2023 to January 26, 2024. Attachment 2 to this memo is the spreadsheet documenting all complaints. In this timeframe, the city received 27 complaints, though it should be noted that this does not include reports to the police department.

Summary

Possible Approaches to a New Ordinance:

Watertown has an opportunity to update its noise ordinance in a way that is simple, enforceable, and comprehensive. An opportunity also exists to design the noise ordinance so as to advance Watertown's Comprehensive Plan and its Climate & Energy Plan.

Watertown could adopt a civil penalty for noise violations with a warning for the first violation and fines for subsequent violations. This will allow officers to simply instruct the violator to lower the noise and ideally nothing further will be needed. For repeat violations, civil penalties (fines) could be assessed using clear dBA standards and properly calibrated equipment. As of now, Watertown currently has two devices which are both calibrated once per year.

With the goal of ensuring Watertown does not become louder overall in the coming years, the council could consider eliminating the criteria of noise being a certain dBA above “background level.” Background noise often increases over time in a rapidly developing city, and using this standard carries the risk of making Watertown a noisier city over time. As opposed to the background noise standard, the new ordinance could adopt a maximum allowable level of noise with a distinction between two noise zones. Zone 1 would be residential, and Zone 2 would be commercial. The maximum allowable noise level should be higher in Zone 2. Additionally, a distinction could be made between hours of the day, with a lower level of noise allowed when people would typically be sleeping. This would be consistent with neighboring communities. The council could also consider prescribing different sound level limits based on the duration of the sound, though this presents challenges in terms of enforcement as it can be difficult to prove for how long a sound has been occurring.

It may also be wise for the council to delineate specific limits for noise based on the source. This accounts for the fact that some activities are inherently noisier than others. A party, for example, can be a nuisance if it is plainly audible from the next property over. A lawn mower, however, may need a higher threshold. As was noted in my meeting with Matthew Zaino of Somerville, some activities are noisy enough to where it may not make sense to set limits other than on when during the day and on what days the activity can be conducted. This could apply to construction and trash pickup, as well as yard work.

Furthering the Goals of the Comprehensive Plan & Climate Plan:

Yard work is a major source of noise in Watertown as well as in other communities. Electric lawn mowers and electric leafblowers are significantly quieter than their gas-powered counterparts. As part of Watertown’s overall goals both to lessen fossil fuel emissions and to lower noise pollution, the council could incentivize residents to switch to electric lawn mowers and leafblowers in its noise ordinance. Somerville’s approach to this is to set decibel limits which effectively ban gas-powered lawn equipment. As an alternative, Watertown could directly ban gas-powered lawnmowers and leafblowers by a certain year. Either approach lessens the noise pollution in Watertown while furthering the goals laid out in Watertown’s Climate & Energy Plan.

As Watertown seeks to enhance the character and quality of life in its neighborhoods, squares, and along the corridors that connect them to help build community as per the Comprehensive Plan, noise is absolutely a factor that should be considered. As redevelopment creates exciting new opportunities, it can also increase noise. For instance, life science facilities require HVAC equipment that can be quite loud and easily audible from a great distance. At the November 14th, 2023 City Council meeting, for instance, multiple residents of Newton complained about life science buildings near Falmouth Road. A new noise ordinance could build in specific measures to abate issues that plague Watertown specifically, such as requirements for noise insulation padding for HVAC systems. Such interventions can be quite costly, however, and the council would need to consider who would pay the cost of installation.

Interventions mentioned in the Comprehensive Plan such as tree canopy and traffic calming can also be part of the solution in terms of noise.

Conclusion:

It is essential that Watertown's new noise ordinance be enforceable and easy for the public to understand, while still ensuring that the issue of noise is addressed. One option for this could be to remove the criteria of background noise and replace it with a maximum allowable level of noise in residential and commercial zones. Alternatively, the council could seek to further clarify its definition of background noise with an eye towards ease of enforcement. Beyond that, many communities delineate noise level limits for specific noise sources such as construction, yard work, or social gatherings. If the council finds that certain noise sources should have limits either higher or lower than the standard limits prescribed in noise zones 1 or 2, this could be written out in the ordinance. Finally, as the council addresses noise, opportunities to further the goals of the climate plan and comprehensive plan could also be considered.

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Description

A person working at the construction site on the corner of Water and Galen has been using a gas power New home construction makes noise - Not a problem It's a long process - also not a problem The crew I heard work at this site at 7:12 am with my windows closed It was quiet enough i figured to let it slide I Noise and vibrations are coming from the neighboring Newly Weds Foods factory, generally from 6.30a There is construction going on right behind our house. Every early morning, We have been waking up to There are openings in the fencing around the temporary high school On Sunday the vehicle gate was v This is NOT a noise report; just possible construction without a permit.

Work noise starting on Mount Auburn St at 6 am.

Work began at 6:25 this morning on road work. This is the second day in a row that work began before Another holiday (6/19/23) on which they began using which daoudeekend large loaam It's a people-lifte Construction began at 6 am. This has been happening all week.

smoke detector beeping loud enough to hear a block away at 1 min intervals at construction duplex

A smoke detector is beeping very loudly all night long

dumpster delivery and an idling truck backing up at 6:30 to 645 this morning

loud truck engines and backing up beeps at 6:40. Staging trucks and starting the job before seven.

lowell school construction site noise loud trucks at 645

Since 7pm on Thursday 9/21/2023 to 7am on Friday 9/22/2023 extremely loud construction has been going on The construction at the park/garage on Walnut St started WELL BEFORE 7am. Sometime around 630 i The construction on Walnut St started before the legally allowed 7am (video evidence available but app They built new steps without railings. Why was this permitted?

2 nights in a row there has been extreme noise coming from this area. It sounds like part of the demolition River Park Lofts has been under construction since Oct 10th Since daylight savings the construction of Apartment complex at 60 Howard St is consistently starting loud construction (drilling, concrete removal Noxious fumes are being emitted from on-site construction. Not only are they unpleasant, they are carcinogenic They are doing construction on the bottom floor of the Mills apartments every morning and start somewhere Arranta Bio produced noise between roughly 10:20 pm and 10:50 pm on January 23, 2024. The attached

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Model Community Noise Control Ordinance

Please send comments to:
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Enclose a business card or note and I'll send back
the latest draft after incorporating all comments.

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ARTICLE I Short Title

This ordinance may be cited as the "Noise Control Ordinance of the (City/County) of _____"

ARTICLE II Declarations of Findings and Policy & Scope

- 2.1 Declaration of Findings and Policy**
 WHEREAS ~~excessive sound/noise~~ and vibration are a serious hazard to the public health and welfare, safety, and the quality of life: and WHEREAS a substantial body of science and technology exists by which ~~excessive sound/noise~~ and vibration may be substantially abated: and, WHEREAS the people have a right to and should be ensured an environment free from ~~excessive sound/noise~~ and vibration that may jeopardize their health or welfare or safely or degrade the quality of life: and NOW, THEREFORE, it is the policy of the (City/County) of _____ to prevent ~~excessive sound/noise~~ and vibration which may jeopardize the health and welfare or safety of its citizens or degrade the quality of life.
- 2.2 Scope**
 This ordinance shall apply to the control of all

~~sound/noise~~ and vibration originating within the limits of the (City/County) of _____

ARTICLE III Definitions

- 3.1 Terminology**
 All terminology used in this ordinance not defined below, shall be in conformance with applicable publications of the American National Standards institute (ANSI) or its successor body.
- 3.2.1 "A-Weighted Sound Level" Means**
 The sound pressure level in decibels as measured on a sound level meter using the A-weighting network ~~and Fast response setting~~. The level so read is designated dB(A) or dBA.
- 3.2.1 "C-Weighted Sound Level" Means**
The sound pressure level in decibels as measured on a sound level meter using the C-weighting network and the Fast response setting. The level so read is designated dB(C) or dBC.
- 3.2.2 "Commercial Area" Means**
 [(As defined in the community (comprehensive plan)/ (zoning ordinance)].
- 3.2.3 "Construction" Means**
 Any site preparation, assembly, erection, substantial repair, alteration, or similar action, but excluding demolition, for or of public or private rights-of-way, structures, utilities or similar property.
- ~~**3.2.4 "Day-Night Average Sound Level (L_{dn})" Means**
 The 24 hour energy average of the A-weighted sound pressure level, with the levels during the period 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the following day increased by 10 dBA before averaging.~~
- 3.2.5 "Decibel (dB)" Means**
 A unit for measuring the volume of a sound, equal to 20 times (the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure, which is 20 micropascals (20 micronewtons per square meter).
- 3.2.6 "Demolition" Means**
 Any dismantling, intentional destruction or removal of structures, utilities, public or private right-of-way surfaces, or similar property.
- 3.2.7 "Emergency" Means**
 Any occurrence or set of circumstances involving actual or imminent physical trauma or property damage which demands immediate action.
- 3.2.8 "Emergency Work" Means**
 Any work performed for the purpose of preventing or alleviating the physical trauma or property damage threatened or caused by an emergency.
- ~~**3.2.9 "Noise Control Officer" Means**
 The municipal agency or department having lead responsibility for this ordinance. (If no such agency~~

is designated, the term shall mean the municipal official having lead responsibility for this ordinance.)

3.2.10 "Equivalent A-Weighted Sound Level (L_{eq})" Means

The constant sound level that in a given situation and time period, conveys the same sound energy as the actual time varying A-weighted sound. [For the purposes of this ordinance, a time period of 24 hours shall be used, unless otherwise specified.]

3.2.11 "Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) Means

The value specified by the manufacturer as the recommended maximum loaded weight of a single motor vehicle. In cases where trailers and tractors are separable, the gross combination weight rating (GCWR), which is the value specified by the manufacturer as the recommended maximum loaded weight of the combination vehicle shall be used.

3.2.12 "Impulsive Sound" Means

Sound of short duration, usually less than one second, with an abrupt onset and rapid decay. Examples of sources of impulsive sound include explosions, drop forge impacts, and the discharge of firearms.

3.2.13 "Industrial Area" Means

[(As defined in the community (comprehensive plan)/ (zoning ordinance)].

3.2.14 "Motor Carrier Vehicle Engaged in Interstate Commerce" Means

Any **** for which regulations **** pursuant to Section 18 of the Federal Noise Control Act of 1972(P.L. 72 ****), as amended, pertaining to motor carriers engaged in interstate commerce.

3.2.15 "Motor Vehicle" Means

As defined in the motor vehicle code of this state. [Any vehicle which is propelled or drawn on land by a motor, such is, but not limited to, passenger cars, trucks, truck-trailers, semi-trailers, campers, go-carts, amphibious craft on land, dune buggies, or racing vehicles, but not including motorcycles.]

3.2.16 "Motorboat" Means

Any vessel which operates on water and which is propelled by a motor, including but not limited to, boats, jet skis, barges, amphibious craft, water ski towing devices and hover craft.

3.2.17 "Motorcycle" Means

As defined in the motor vehicle code of this state. [An unenclosed motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the operator and two or three wheels in contact with the ground, including but not limited to, motor scooters and mini-bikes.]

3.2.18 "Muffler or Sound Dissipative Device" Means

A device for abating sound of escaping gases of an internal combustion engine.

3.2.19 "Noise" Means

Any sound that is harmful to the health, well-being, or quality of life of humans or animals. Any sound which annoys or disturbs humans or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans.

3.2.20 "Noise Disturbance" Means

Any sound which (a) endangers or **** the safety or health of humans or animals; or (b) annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities; or (c) endangers or injures personal or real property.

3.2.21 "Noise Sensitive Zone" Means

A zone extending 500 feet in all directions from any property used for residential uses, schools, child care facilities, religious places of worship, hospitals, nursing homes, libraries open to the public, court house, or [other designated pursuant areas]. Any area designated pursuant to Section **** of this ordinance for the purpose of ensuring exceptional quiet.

3.2.22 "Person" Means

Any individual, association, partnership, or corporation, and includes any officer, employee, department, agency or instrumentality of a State or any political subdivision of a State.

3.2.XX "Plainly Audible" Means

Any sound that can be detected by a person using his or her unaided hearing faculties. As an example, if the sound source under investigation is a portable or personal vehicular sound amplification or reproduction device, the enforcement officer need not determine the title of a song, specific words, or the artist performing the song. The detection of the rhythmic bass component of the music is sufficient to constitute a plainly audible sound.

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3.2.23 "Powered Model Vehicle" Means

Any self-propelled airborne, waterborne, or land borne plane, vessel, or vehicle, which is not designed to carry persons, including, but not limited to any unmanned aerial vehicle, model airplane, boat, car, or rocket.

3.2.24 "Public Right-of-Way" Means

Any street, avenue, boulevard, highway, bike path, sidewalk or alley or similar place which is owned or controlled by a governmental entity.

3.2.25 "Public Space" Means

Any real property or structures thereon which are owned or controlled by a governmental entity.

3.2.26 "Pure Tone" Means

Any sound which can be distinctly heard as a single pitch or a set of single pitches. For the purposes of this ordinance, a pure tone shall exist if the one-third octave band sound pressure level in the band with the tone exceeds the arithmetic average of the sound pressure levels of the two contiguous one-third octave bands by 5 dB for center frequencies of 500 Hz and above and by 8 dB for

~~center frequencies between 160 and 400 Hz and by 15 dB for center frequencies less than or equal to 125 Hz.~~

3.2.27 "Real Property Boundary" Means

An imaginary line along the ground surface, and its vertical extension, which separates the real property owned by one person from that owned by another person, but not including intra-building real property divisions.

3.2.28 "Residential Area" Means

[(As defined in the community (comprehensive plan)/ (zoning ordinance)].

3.2.29 "RMS Sound Pressure" Means

The square root of the time averaged square of the sound pressure, denoted P_{rms}

3.2.30 "Sound" Means

An oscillation in pressure, particle displacement, particle velocity or other physical parameter, in a medium with internal forces that causes compression and rarefaction of that medium. The description of sound may include any characteristic of such sound, including duration, intensity and frequency.

3.2.31 "Sound Level" Means

The weighted sound pressure level obtained by the use of a sound level meter and frequency-weighting network, such as A or C, as specified in the American National Standards Institute specifications for sound level meters (ANSI S1.4-1974), or the latest approved revision thereof. ~~If the frequency-weighting employed is not indicated, the A-weighting shall apply.~~

3.2.32 "Sound Level Meter" Means

An instrument which includes a microphone, amplifier, RMS detector, integrator or time averaging device, output meter, and weighting networks used to measure sound pressure levels.

3.2.33 "Sound Pressure" Means

The instantaneous difference between the actual pressure and the average or barometric pressure of a given point in space, as produced by sound energy.

3.2.34 "Sound Pressure Level" Means

20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the RMS sound pressure to the reference pressure of 20 micropascals (20x10⁻⁶N/m). The sound pressure level is denoted L_p , or SPL and is expressed in decibels.

3.2.35 "Vibration" Means

An oscillatory motion of solid bodies of deterministic or random nature described by displacement, velocity, or acceleration with respect to a given reference point.

3.2.36 "Weekday" Means

Any day Monday through Friday, which is not a legal holiday.

~~ARTICLE IV Powers and Duties of the Noise Control Officer (NCO)~~

~~4.1 Lead (Agency/Official)~~

~~The noise control program established by this ordinance shall be administered by (title of municipal agency or lead official):~~

~~4.2 Powers of the Noise Control Officer (NCO)~~

~~In order to implement and enforce this ordinance and for the general purpose of sound and vibration abatement and control, the NCO shall have, in addition to any other authority vested in it, the power to:~~

~~4.2.1 Studies~~

~~Conduct, or cause to be conducted, research, monitoring, and other studies related to sound and vibration.~~

~~4.2.2 Education~~

~~(a) Conduct programs of public education regarding:~~

- ~~(1) the causes, effects and general methods of abatement and control of noise and vibration; and,~~
- ~~(2) the actions prohibited by this ordinance and the procedures for reporting violations; and~~
- ~~(b) encourage the participation of public interest groups in related public information efforts.~~

~~4.2.3 Coordination and Cooperation~~

- ~~(a) Coordinate the noise and vibration control activities of all municipal departments;~~
- ~~(b) Cooperate to the extent practicable with all appropriate State and Federal agencies;~~
- ~~(c) Cooperate or combine to the extent practicable with appropriate county and municipal agencies; and,~~
- ~~(d) Enter into contracts (with the approval of the (appropriate authority)) for the provision of technical and enforcement services.~~

~~4.2.4 Review of Actions of Other Departments~~

~~Request any other department or agency responsible for any proposed or final standard, regulation or similar action to consult on the advisability of revising the action, if there is reason to believe that the action is not consistent with this ordinance.~~

~~4.2.5 Review of Public and Private Projects~~

~~Review public and private projects, subject to mandatory review or approval by other departments, for compliance with this ordinance, if such projects are likely to cause sound or vibration in violation of this ordinance.~~

~~4.2.6 Inspections~~

~~(a) Upon presentation of proper credentials, enter and inspect any private property or place, and inspect any report or records at any reasonable time when granted permission by the owner, or by some other person with apparent authority to act for the owner. When permission is refused or cannot be obtained, a search warrant may be obtained from a court of competent jurisdiction upon showing of~~

probable cause to believe that a violation of this ordinance may exist. Such inspection may include administration of any necessary tests.

— **(b)** Stop any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or motorboat operated on a public right-of-way, public space, or public waterway reasonably suspected of violating any provision of this ordinance, and issue a notice of violation or abatement order which may require the motor vehicle, motorcycle or motorboat to be inspected or tested as the Noise Control Officer may reasonably require.}

4.2.7—Records

— Require the owner or operator of any commercial or industrial activity to establish and maintain records and make such reports as the NCO may reasonably prescribe.

4.2.8—Measurements by the Owner or Operator

— Require the owner or operator of any commercial or industrial activity to measure the sound level of or the vibration from any source in accordance with the [published] methods and procedures and at such locations and times as the NCO may reasonably prescribe and to furnish reports of the results of such measurements to the NCO. The NCO may require the measurements to be conducted in the presence of its enforcement officials.

4.2.9—Product Performance Standard Recommendations

— **(a)** Develop and recommend for promulgation (to the appropriate authority) provisions regulating the use and operation of any product, including the specification of maximum allowable sound emission levels of such product.

— **(b)** Develop and recommend for promulgation (to the appropriate authority) provisions prohibiting the sale of products which do not meet specified sound emission levels, where the sound level of the product is not regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under Section 6 of the Noise Control Act of 1972.}

4.2.10—Noise Sensitive Zone Recommendations

— Prepare recommendations, to be approved by (the appropriate authority), for the designation of noise sensitive zones which contain noise sensitive activities. Existing quiet zones shall be considered noise sensitive zones until otherwise designated. Noise sensitive activities include, but are not limited to, operations of schools, libraries open to the public, churches, hospitals, and nursing homes.

4.3—Duties of Noise Control Officer (NCO)

— In order to implement and enforce this ordinance effectively, the NCO shall within a reasonable time after the effective date of the ordinance:

4.3.1—Standards, Testing Methods, and Procedures

— Develop, [recommend to the appropriate authority,] and promulgate standards, testing methods and procedures.

4.3.2—Investigate and Pursue Violations

— In consonance with Section 4.2.6, Article XI, and

other provisions of this ordinance, investigate and pursue possible violations of this ordinance.

4.3.3—Delegation of Authority

— Delegate functions, where appropriate under this ordinance, to personnel within the NCO and to other agencies or departments, (subject to approval of):

4.3.4—Truck Routes and Transportation Planning

— **(a)** Study the existing transportation systems, such as truck routes within the community; determine areas with sensitivity to sound and vibration caused by transportation; recommend changes or modifications to transportation systems to minimize the sound and vibration impact on residential areas and noise sensitive zones

— **(b)** Assist in or review the total transportation planning of the community, including planning for new roads and highways, bus routes, airports, and other systems for public transportation, to ensure that the impact of sound and vibration receives adequate consideration.

4.3.5—Capital Improvement Guidelines

— Establish noise assessment guidelines for the evaluation of proposed improvements for the capital improvements budget and program pursuant to Section 5.5. These guidelines shall assist in the determination of the relative priority of each improvement in terms of noise impact.

4.3.6—State and Federal Laws and Regulations

— **(a)** Prepare and publish [with the approval of] a list of those products manufactured to meet specified noise emission limits under Federal, State, or community law for which "tampering" enforcement will be conducted; and:

— **(b)** Make recommendations for modifications or amendments to this ordinance to ensure consistency with all State and Federal law; and regulations.

4.3.7—Planning to Achieve Long Term Noise Goals

— [Develop a generalized sound level map of the (city/county), a long term plan for achieving quiet in the (city/county), and [with the approval of] integrate this plan into the planning process of the (city/county).}

4.3.8—Administer Grants, Funds and Gifts

— Administer noise program grants and other funds and gifts from public and private sources, including the State and Federal governments.

4.3.9—Periodic Report

— [Evaluate and report, every year(s) following the effective date of this ordinance, on the effectiveness of the (city/county) noise control program and make recommendations for any legislative or budgetary changes necessary to improve the program. This report shall be made to the (Noise Control Advisory Board)/ (appropriate authority) which may amend it after consultation with the NCO, and then submit it to the (appropriate authority), for approval.}

ARTICLE V — Duties and Responsibilities of Other Departments

5.1 — Departmental Actions

All departments and agencies shall, to the fullest extent consistent with other law, carry out their programs in such a manner as to further the policy of this ordinance.

5.2 — Departmental Cooperation

All departments and agencies shall cooperate with the NCO to the fullest extent in enforcing this ordinance.

5.3 — Departmental Compliance with Other Laws

All departments and agencies shall comply with Federal and State laws and regulations and the provisions and intent of this ordinance respecting the control and abatement of noise to the same extent that any person is subject to such laws and regulations.

5.4 — Project Approval

All departments whose duty it is to review and approve new projects or changes to existing projects that result, or may result, in the production of sound or vibration shall consult with the NCO prior to any such approval.

5.5 — Contracts

Any written contract, agreement, purchase order, or other instrument whereby the (city/county) is committed to the expenditure of dollars or more in return for goods or services shall contain provisions requiring compliance with this ordinance.

5.6 — Low Noise Emission Products

Any product which has been certified by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 15 of the Noise Control Act as a low noise emission product and which he determines is suitable for use as a substitute, shall be procured by the city/county and used in preference to any other product, provided that such certified product is reasonably available and has a procurement cost which is not more than (125) percent of the least expensive type of product for which it is certified as a substitute.

5.7 — Capital Improvement Program

All departments responsible for a capital improvements budget and program shall prepare an analysis of the noise impact of any proposed improvements in accordance with noise assessment guidelines established by the NCO pursuant to Section 4.3.5. Proposed capital improvements include land acquisition, building construction, highway improvements, and utilities and fixed equipment installation.

ARTICLE VI — Prohibited Acts

6.1 — Noise Disturbances Prohibited

No person shall unreasonably make, continue, or cause to be made, or continued, any noise disturbance. ~~Non-commercial public speaking and public assembly activities conducted on any public space or public right-of-way shall be exempt from the operation of this Section.~~

6.2 — Specific Prohibitions

The following acts, and the causing thereof, are declared to be in violation of this ordinance:

6.2.1 Radios, Television Sets, Musical Instruments and, Similar Devices

Operating, playing or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier, personal sound system, vehicular sound system, or similar device which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound:

(a) Between the hours of ~~.....~~ 8 p.m. and ~~.....~~ 8 a.m. the following day in such a manner as to ~~create a noise disturbance across~~ be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet or more in any direction from the device or 50 feet or more from a real property boundary ~~if on private property, or within a noise sensitive zone.~~ [Except for activities open to the public and for which a permit has been issued by (appropriate authority) according to criteria set forth in];

~~(b) Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. the following day in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more in any direction from the device or 100 feet or more from a real property boundary if on private property [Except for activities open to the public and for which a permit has been issued by (appropriate authority) according to criteria set forth in];~~

~~(bc) In such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more in any direction~~ create a noise disturbance at 50 feet (15 meters) from such device, when operated in or on a motor vehicle on a public right-of-way or public space, or in a boat on public waters, or;

(c) In such a manner as to ~~create a noise disturbance~~ be plainly audible to any person other than the operator of the device, when operated by any passenger on a common carrier.;

~~(d) This section shall not apply to non-commercial spoken language covered under Section 6.2.2.~~

6.2.2 Loudspeakers/Public Address Systems

(a) Using or operating ~~for any non-commercial purpose~~ any loudspeaker public address system, or similar device (1) between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the following day, such that the sound there from creates a noise disturbance is plainly audible across a residential real property boundary ~~or within a residential or noise sensitive zone~~ or (2) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. such that the sound there from is plainly audible 100 feet or more from a real property boundary within a residential or noise sensitive zone.

(b) Using or operating ~~for any commercial purpose~~ any loudspeaker, public address system, or similar

device ~~(1)~~ such that the sound there from ~~creates a noise disturbance across~~ is plainly audible at 100 feet or more from the device when a real property boundary or within a noise sensitive zone; or (2) between the hours of p.m. and a.m. the following day on a public right-of-way or public space.

~~(c) Using or operating any loudspeaker, public address system, or similar device such that the sound there from is plainly audible 200 feet or more from a real property boundary within a non-noise sensitive commercial or industrial zone.~~

6.2.3 Street Sales

Offering for sale or selling anything by shouting or outcry within any residential or commercial area of the (city/county) (except by permit issued by (appropriate authority) according to criteria set forth in and/or except between the hours of ... a.m. and p..m.).

6.2.4 Animals and Birds

Owning possessing or harboring any animal or bird which frequently or for continued duration (~~more than 100 times per day~~), howls, barks, meows, squawks, or makes other sounds which ~~create a noise disturbance~~ are plainly audible across a ~~residential~~ real property boundary or within a ~~residential or~~ noise sensitive zone. ~~[This provision shall not apply to public zoos.]~~

6.2.5 Loading and Unloading

Loading, unloading, opening, closing or other handling of boxes, crates, containers, building materials, garbage cans, or similar objects between the hours of8 p.m. and8 a.m. the following day in ~~such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential or real property boundary or within a noise sensitive zone.~~

6.2.6 Construction

Operating or permitting the operation of any tools or equipment used in construction, maintenance, drilling, or demolition work:

(a) Between the hours of8 p.m. and8 a.m. the following day on weekdays or at any time on (Sundays/weekends) or holidays, such that the sound there from ~~creates a noise disturbance~~ is plainly audible across a ~~residential~~ real property boundary or within a ~~residential or~~ noise sensitive zone, except for emergency work of public service utilities or by special variance issued pursuant to Section 7.2;

(b) ~~[At any other time such that the sound level at or across a real property boundary exceeds an L_{eq} of dBA for the daily period of operation.]~~ NOTE: Large cities with extended construction projects may want to adapt and adopt New York City's Construction Noise Regulations.

(c) This section shall not apply to the use of domestic power tools subject to Section 6.2.17.

6.2.7 Vehicle or Motorboat Repairs and Testing

Repairing, rebuilding, modifying, or testing any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or motorboat in such a manner as to ~~cause a noise disturbance~~ be plainly

audible across a ~~residential~~ real property boundary or within a ~~residential or~~ noise sensitive zone.

6.2.8 Airport and Aircraft Operations

~~(a) The NCO shall consult with the airport proprietor to recommend changes in airport operations to minimize any noise disturbance which the airport owner may have authority to control in its capacity as proprietor.~~

~~(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit, restrict, penalize, enjoin or in any manner regulate the movement of aircraft which are in all respects, conducted in accordance with, or pursuant to applicable Federal Laws or regulations.~~

6.2.9 Places of Public Entertainment

Operating, playing or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier, or similar device which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound in any place of public entertainment at a sound level greater than dBA as read by the slow response on a sound level meter at any point that is normally occupied by a customer, unless a conspicuous and legible sign is located outside such place, near each public entrance, slating "WARNING: SOUND LEVELS WITHIN MAY CAUSE PERMANENT HEARING IMPAIRMENT."

6.2.10 Explosives, Firearms, and Similar Devices

The use or firing of explosives, firearms, or similar devices which create impulsive sound so as to ~~be plainly audible~~ cause a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or on a public space or right-of-way, without first obtaining a special variance issued pursuant to Section 7.2. [Such permit need not be obtained for licensed game-hunting activities on property where such activities are authorized.]

6.2.11 Powered Model Vehicles

Operating or permitting the operation of powered model vehicles so as to ~~create a noise disturbance~~ plainly audible across a residential real property boundary, in a public space or within a noise sensitive zone between the hours of8 p.m. and8 a.m. the following day. Maximum sound levels in a public space during the permitted period of operation shall conform to those set forth for residential land use in Table 1 of Section 8.1 and shall be measured at a distance of ~~50~~ feet (meters) from any point on the path of the vehicle. Maximum sound levels for residential property and noise sensitive zones, during the permitted period of operation, shall be governed by Section 8.1 and Section 6.2.16, respectively.

6.2.12 Vibration

Operating or permitting the operation of any device that creates vibration which is above the vibration perception threshold of an individual at or beyond the property of the source if on private property or at ~~.....~~ 50 feet (meters) from the source if on a public space or public right-of-way. For the purposes of this section, "vibration perception threshold" means the minimum ground or structure-

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borne vibratory motion necessary to cause a normal person to be aware of the vibration by such direct means as, but not limited to sensation by touch or usual observation of moving objects.

6.2.13 Stationary Non-Emergency Signaling Devices

(a) Sounding or permitting the sounding of any ~~[electronically amplified]~~ signal from any stationary bell, chime, siren, whistle, or similar device, intended primarily for non-emergency purposes, from any place, ~~(for more than minutes in any hourly period, [that is plainly audible at 100 feet or more from the device or 100 feet or more from a real property line if on private property.]~~
[(b) Devices used in conjunction with places of religious worship shall be exempt from the operation of this provision.]
[(c) Sound sources covered by this provision and not exempted under subsection (b) shall be exempted by (appropriate authority) using criteria set forth in Section 7.2.]

6.2.14 Emergency Signaling Devices

(a) The intentional sounding or permitting the sounding outdoors of any fire, burglar, or civil defense alarm, siren, whistle or similar stationary emergency signaling device, except for emergency purposes or for testing, as provided in Subsection (b).
(b)(i) Testing of a stationary emergency signaling device shall occur ~~at the same time of day each time such a test is performed, no more than once a month,~~ but not before ~~.....~~ 8 a.m. or after ~~.....~~ 4 p.m. Any such testing shall ~~not use only the minimum cycle test time. In no case shall such test time exceed 30 seconds.~~
(b)(ii) ~~Testing of the complete emergency signaling system, including the functioning of the signaling device and the personnel response to the signaling device, shall not occur more than once in each calendar month. Such testing shall not occur before a.m. or after p.m. The time limit specified in subsection (i) shall not apply to such complete system testing.~~
[(c) Sounding or permitting the sounding of any exterior burglar [or fire] alarm or any motor vehicle burglar alarm unless such alarm is automatically terminated within ~~.... 30 seconds~~ minutes of activation. ~~[This action shall not be interpreted to apply to alarms.]]~~

6.2.15 Motorboats

Operating or permitting the operation of any motorboat in any lake, river, stream, or other waterway in such manner as to exceed a sound level of ~~.....~~ (a) 80 dBA at 50 feet (15 meters) or (b) 70 dBA at any the nearest shoreline or (c) 80 dBC at the any shoreline, whichever distance is less.

6.2.16 Noise Sensitive Zones

(a) Creating or causing the creation of any sound within any noise sensitive zone ~~designated pursuant to Section 4.2.10,~~ so as to disrupt the activities normally conducted within the zone, ~~provided that conspicuous signs are displayed indicating the presence of the zone;~~ or

(b) Creating or causing the creation of any sound within any noise sensitive zone, ~~designated pursuant to Section 4.2.10,~~ containing a hospital, nursing home, ~~school, pre-school, child care, library, courthouse, place of worship,~~ or similar activity, so as to interfere with the functions of such activity or disturb or annoy the ~~participants or~~ patients in the activity, ~~provided that conspicuous signs are displayed indicating the presence of the zone.~~

6.2.17 Domestic Power Tools

(a) Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, sander, drill, grinder, lawn or garden tool, ~~snow blower,~~ or similar device used outdoors in residential areas between the hours or ~~.....~~ 9 p.m. and ~~.....~~ 9 a.m. the following day so as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.
(b) ~~Operating or permitting the operation of any leaf blower or similar device used outdoors within 500 feet of a residential use at any time between May 15 and September 30, and between December 15 and March 30 of each year and at other times of the year between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. on weekdays, 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays..~~

6.2.XX Compression Brakes

~~No person operating a motor vehicle containing a compression brake system or systems shall apply such compression brake system or systems except when such a system or systems are used in an emergency to stop the vehicle.~~

~~(Note: It is recommended that the city post signs at the major entry points of the city containing the following information: THE USE OF COMPRESSION BRAKES SYSTEMS IN (county/city) IS PROHIBITED.)~~

6.2.XX Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Equipment

~~Heating, ventilating, air conditioning equipment, including but not limited to fans, compressors, air conditioners, heat pumps, and chillers, shall not exceed 45 dBA at or beyond any real property line within a residential area or noise sensitive zone.~~

6.2.XX Wind Turbines

~~Wind turbines shall not exceed 40 dBA at or beyond any real property line within a residential area or noise sensitive zone.~~

6.2.18 Tampering

The following acts or the causing thereof are prohibited:

(a) The removal or rendering inoperative by any person other than for purposes of maintenance, repair, or replacement, of any noise control device or element of design or noise label ~~of any product identified under Section 4.3.6. The NCO may, by regulation, list those acts which constitute violation of this provision.~~
(b) ~~The (intentional) moving or rendering inaccurate or inoperative of any sound monitoring instrument or device positioned by or for the NCO,~~

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~~provided such device or the immediate area is clearly labeled, in accordance with NCO regulations, to warn of the potential illegality.}~~
~~(eb) The use of a product, identified under Section 4-3-6, which has had a noise control device or element of design or noise label removed or rendered inoperative, with knowledge that such action has occurred.~~

ARTICLE VII Exceptions and Variances

7.1 Emergency Exception

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to;
(a) the emission of sound for the purpose of alerting persons to the existence of an emergency, or
(b) the emission of sound in the performance of emergency work.

7.2 Special Variances

(a) The ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) shall have the authority, consistent with this section, to grant special variances which may be requested pursuant to Sections 6.2.6 (Construction) and 6.2.10 (Explosives, Firearms, and Similar Devices).
(b) Any person seeking a special variance pursuant to this section shall file an application with the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board). The application shall contain information which demonstrates that bringing the source of sound or activity for which the special variance is sought into compliance with this ordinance would constitute an unreasonable hardship on the applicant, on the community, or on other persons. [Notice of an application for a special variance shall be published according to (Jurisdictional procedure).] Any individual who claims to be adversely affected by allowance of the special variance may file a statement with the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) containing any information to support his claim. If the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) finds that a sufficient controversy exists regarding an application, a public hearing may be held.
(c) In determining whether to grant or deny the application, the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) shall balance the hardship to the applicant, the community, and other persons of not granting the special variance against the adverse impact on the health, safety, and welfare of persons affected, the adverse impact on property affected, and any other adverse impacts of granting the special variance. Applicants for special variances and persons contesting special variances may be required to submit any information the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing board) may reasonably require. In granting or denying an application, the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) shall place on public file a copy of the decision and the reasons for denying or granting the special variance.
(d) Special variances shall be granted by notice to the applicant containing all necessary conditions, including a time limit (not to exceed one year) and time of day limit, and day of week limit on the permitted activity. The special variance shall not become effective until all conditions are agreed to by the applicant. Noncompliance with any condition of the special variance shall terminate it and subject the person holding it to those provisions of this

ordinance regulating the source of sound or activity for which the special variance was granted, including enforcement actions.

(e) Application for extension of time limit specified in special variances or for modification of other substantial conditions shall be treated like applications for initial special variances under subsection (b).

~~[(f) The (NCO)(Hearing Board) may issue guidelines [approved by] defining the procedures to be followed in applying for a special variance and the criteria to be considered in deciding whether to grant a special variance.]~~

7.3 Variances for Time to Comply

(a) Within ~~-----60~~ days following the effective date of this ordinance, the owner of any commercial or industrial source of sound may apply to the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) for a variance in time to comply with Section 6.2.12 (Vibration) or Article VIII. The ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) shall have the authority, consistent with this section, to grant a variance, not to exceed ~~-----365~~ days from the effective date of this ordinance.

(b) Any person seeking a variance in time to comply shall file an application with the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board). The application shall contain information which demonstrates that bringing the source of sound or activity for which the variance is sought into compliance with this ordinance prior to the date requested in the application would constitute an unreasonable hardship on the applicant, on the community, or on other persons. [Notice of an application for a variance in time to comply shall be published according to (jurisdictional procedure).] Any individual who claims to be adversely affected by allowance of the variance in time to comply may file a statement with the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) containing any information to support their claim. If the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) finds that a sufficient controversy exists regarding an application, a public hearing may be held.

(c) In determining whether to grant or deny the application, the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) shall balance the hardship to the applicant, the community, and other persons of not granting the variance in time to comply, against the adverse impact on health, safety, and welfare of persons affected, the adverse impact on property affected, and any other adverse impacts of granting the variance. Applicants for variances in time to comply and persons contesting variances may be required to submit any information the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) may reasonably require. In granting or denying an application, the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) shall place on public file a copy of the decision and the reasons for denying or granting the variance in time to comply.

(d) Variances in time to comply shall be granted to the applicant containing all necessary conditions, including a schedule for achieving compliance. The variance in time to comply shall not become effective until all conditions are agreed to by the applicant. Noncompliance with any condition of the variance shall terminate the variance and subject the

person holding it to those provisions of this ordinance for which the variance was granted.

(e) Application for extension of time limits specified in variances in time to comply or for modification of other substantial conditions shall be treated like applications for initial variances under subsection (b), except that the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) must find that the need for the extension or modification clearly outweighs any adverse impacts of granting the extension or modification.

~~[(f) The (NCO)~~(Hearing Board) may issue guidelines [approved by] defining the procedures to be followed in applying for a variance in time to comply and the criteria to be considered in deciding whether to grant a variance.]

7.4 Appeals

Appeals of an adverse decision of the ~~(NCO)~~(Hearing Board) shall be made to the (appropriate court of law). Review of the court shall be (de novo)/ (limited to whether the decision is supported by substantial evidence)/(as specified by the).

ARTICLE VIII Sound Pressure Levels by Receiving Land Use

- 8.1 Maximum Permissible Sound Pressure Levels**
No person shall operate or cause to be operated on private property any source of sound in such a manner as to create a sound level which exceeds the limits set forth for the receiving land use category in Table 1 when measured at or within the property boundary of the receiving land use.

TABLE 1
SOUND LEVELS BY RECEIVING LAND USE

Receiving Land Use Category	Time	Sound Level Limit (dBA) <u>(dBC)</u>
R-1, R-2, etc. (Residential, , Public Space, Open Space, r Agricultural o Institutional)	(A)7 a.m. to (B)10 p.m. <u>(A)10</u> p.m. to <u>(B)7</u> a.m.	55 <u>60</u>
C-1, C-2, etc. B-1, B-2, etc. (Commercial or Business)	At All Times	60 <u>70</u>
M-1, M-2, etc. (Industrial)	At All Times	65 <u>75</u>

8.X Interior Sound Pressure Levels

No person shall operate or cause to be operated on private property any source of sound in such a manner as to create a sound level which intrudes upon the interior of a residence or dwelling unit such that it raises the background sound level by

more than 3 dBC when measured within the residential property.

8.2 Correction for Character of Sound

For any source of sound which emits a pure tone or impulsive sound, the maximum sound level limits set forth in Section 8.1 shall be reduced by ~~5~~ 5 dBA and 5 dBC respectively.

8.3 Exemptions

The provisions of this article shall not apply to:

(a) Activities covered by the following Sections: 6.2.6 (Construction), ~~6.2.8 (Aircraft and Airport Operations)~~; 6.2.10 (Explosives, Firearms, and Similar Devices), 6.2.13 (Stationary Non-emergency Signaling Devices), 6.2.14 (Emergency Signaling Devices), 6.2.15 (Motorboats), 6.2.17 (Domestic Power Tools), 9.1.3 (Refuse Collection Vehicles), ~~9.2 (Recreational Motorized Vehicles Operating Off Public Rights-of-way)~~;

(b) the un-amplified human voice;

(c) interstate railway locomotives and cars;

(d) motor vehicles crossing the property line accessing private property or public rights-of-way;

and

~~[(de) [(non-stationary farming equipment)/(all agricultural activities)]]~~

ARTICLE IX Motor Vehicle Maximum Sound Levels

9.1 Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles on Public Rights-of-way

No person shall operate or cause to be operated a public or private motor vehicle or motorcycle on a public right-of-way at any time in such a manner that the sound level emitted by the motor vehicle or motorcycle exceeds the level set forth in Table 2.

TABLE 2
MOTOR VEHICLE AND
MOTORCYCLE SOUND LIMITS
(MEASURED AT 50 FEET OR 15 METERS)

Vehicle Class	Sound Level Limit in dBA		
	Speed Limit 35 mph or Less	Over 35 mph	Stationary Run-up
All Motor Carrier Vehicles engaged in interstate commerce of GVWR or GCWR of 10,000 lbs or more	86	90	88
All other motor vehicles of GVWR or GCWR of 10,000 lbs or more	A	B	
Any Motorcycle	82	86	-
Any other motor vehicle or any combination of vehicles towed by any motor vehicle	76	82	-

NOTE: MUNICIPALITIES MAY WISH TO ADAPT
AND ADOPT NEW YORK CITY'S PLAINLY
AUDIBLE VEHICLE STANDARDS

9.1.1 Adequate Mufflers or Sound Dissipative Devices

- (a) No person shall operate or cause to be operated any motor vehicle or motorcycle not equipped with a muffler or other sound dissipative device in good working order and in constant operation;
- (b) No person shall remove or render inoperative, or cause to be removed or rendered inoperative, other than for purposes of maintenance, repair, or replacement, any muffler or sound dissipative device on a motor vehicle or motorcycle;
- (c) ~~The NCO may, by (guidelines) (regulations subject to approval by), list those acts which constitute violation of this section. No person shall park, use, or operate a motorcycle, within (county/city) manufactured subsequent to December 31, 1982 that does not bear the required applicable Federal EPA exhaust system label pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations Title 40, Volume 24, Part 205, Subpart D and Subpart E.~~

9.1.2 Motor Vehicle Horns and Signaling Devices

- The following acts and the causing thereof are declared to be in violation of this ordinance:
- (a) The sounding of any horn or other auditory signaling device on or in any motor vehicle on any public right-of-way or public space, except (as a warning of danger)/(as provided in the vehicle code).
- [(b) The sounding of any horn or other auditory signaling device which produces a sound level in excess of dBA at feet (meters).]

9.1.3 Refuse Collection Vehicles

No person shall;

~~(a) On or after (2 years) following the effective date of this ordinance, operate or permit the operation of the compacting mechanism of any motor vehicle which compacts refuse and which creates, during the compacting cycle, a sound level in excess of dBA when measured at feet (meters) from any point on the vehicle; or~~

~~(b) Operate or permit the operation of the compacting mechanism of any motor vehicle which compacts refuse, between the hours of p.m. and a.m. the following day in a residential area or noise sensitive zone; or~~

~~(c) Collect refuse or recycling with a refuse or recycling collection vehicle between the hours of p.m. and a.m. the following day in within 500 feet of a residential use residential area or within noise sensitive zone.~~

9.1.4 Standing Motor Vehicles

No person shall operate or permit the operation of any motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds, or any auxiliary equipment attached to such a vehicle, for a period longer than ~~.....~~ 1 minutes in any hour while the vehicle is stationary, for reasons other than traffic congestion, on a public right-of-way or public space ~~or within 150-500 feet (46 meters) of a residential area-area or designated within a noise sensitive zone. between the hours of p.m. and a.m. the following day.~~

9.2 Recreation Motorized Vehicles Operating Off Public Rights-of-way

(a) [Except as permitted in subsection ~~(bd)~~ or ~~(eg)~~,] no person shall operate or cause to be operated any recreational motorized vehicle off a public right-of-way in such a manner that the sound level emitted there from exceeds the limits set forth in Table 3 at a distance of 50 feet (15 meters) or more from the path of the vehicle when operated on a public space or at or across the boundary of private property when operated on private property This section shall apply to all recreational motorized vehicles, whether or not duly licensed and registered, including, but not limited to, commercial or non-commercial racing vehicles, motorcycles, go-carts, snowmobiles, amphibious craft, campers and dune buggies, but not including motorboats.

~~(b) No person shall operate or cause to be operated any recreational motorized vehicle (1) within 500 feet of a real property boundary or (2) between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. the following day in a residential area or noise sensitive zone.~~

~~(c) No person shall operate or cause to be operated any recreational motorized vehicle off a public right-of-way in such a manner that the sound level emitted there from exceeds the limits set forth in in Article VI.~~

[(~~bd~~) Permits for new vehicle racing events may be obtained from the (appropriate authority) according to procedures and criteria set forth in]

[(~~eg~~) Special variances for may be obtained from. (appropriate authority) according to procedure and criteria set forth in]

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TABLE 3
RECREATIONAL MOTORIZED
VEHICLE SOUND LIMITS
(MEASURED AT 50 FEET OR 15 METERS)

Vehicle Type	Sound Level, dBA
Snowmobile	<u>A80</u>
Motorcycle	<u>B80</u>
Any Other Vehicle	<u>80C</u>

ARTICLE X — Land Use

10.1 — General Provisions

- (a) No owner of any land shall commence or cause to be commenced the construction of any structure covered by Sections 10.2, 10.3, 10.5 or 10.6 unless approved by the NCO as provided in this Article.
- (b) Any application for approval required by this Article shall be submitted in writing to the NCO, with a copy to the (Building Department)/ (Appropriate Department), by the owner of the land on which the Structure is proposed to be constructed and shall contain the following information:
 - (1) identification of the land on which the construction is proposed;
 - (2) the section of this Article under which approval is requested;
 - (3) information and data supporting the claim that the appropriate requirements will be met; and,
 - (4) any other information which the NCO may reasonably require.

10.2 — Construction Restrictions for Habitable and Institutional Structures

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), no new single family residential structure shall be approved for construction (excluding substantial repair or alteration) if the exterior day-night average sound level (L_{dn}) anywhere on the site of the proposed structure is projected to be in excess of dBA within years following the estimated completion date of the structure.
- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), no new multiple family residence, dormitory, mobile home park, transient lodging, school, hospital, nursing home or similar structure, or substantial modification of such existing structure, shall be approved for construction if the exterior day-night average sound level (L_{dn}) anywhere on the site of the proposed structure is projected to be in excess of dBA within years following the estimated completion date of the structure or modification.
- (c) Construction otherwise prohibited pursuant to subsections (a) or (b) shall be allowed if the exterior day-night average sound level (L_{dn}) on the site of the proposed structure is projected not to be in excess of dBA for years following construction, provided that there is incorporated into the design and construction of the structure such sound attenuation measures as are necessary to reduce the maximum interior day-night average sound level (L_{in}) to dBA. Subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to any site development plan or

its equivalent on which four or fewer dwelling units are to be constructed.

- (d) Prior to issuance of any occupancy permit for any structure regulated pursuant to subsection (c), the owner of the structure shall submit for NCO review the report of an independent testing agency [approved by the NCO] certifying that sound attenuation measures have been properly incorporated into the design and construction of the structure and that the interior L_{in} meets the criterion specified in subsection (c). Such report shall contain the results of simultaneous measurements of the exterior and interior day-night average sound levels for a representative sample of locations.
- (e) The NCO may conduct such inspections and measurements as are necessary to ensure the accuracy of any report submitted pursuant to subsection (d) and to ascertain compliance with this section. These may include on-site inspections by a certified independent testing agency during specified periods of construction.

10.3 — Recreational Area Restrictions

- (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d) no land shall be designated or approved for construction or use as a public or private exterior recreational area, including, but not limited to, child playgrounds, outdoor theaters and amphitheaters, picnic grounds, tennis courts and swimming pools, if the exterior day-night average sound level (L_{dn}) anywhere on the site of the proposed recreational area is projected to be in the excess of dBA within years following the construction or designation of the site.
- (b) This section shall not apply to the designation or approval of any green belt or open space in any area in which the L_{dn} exceeds the level specified in subsection (a) regardless of whether such green belt or open space is open to public use, provided that no recreational improvement or facility is constructed thereon.
- (c) Designation or approval of exterior recreational areas otherwise prohibited under subsection (a) shall be allowed if the L_{dn} specified in that subsection can be achieved by appropriate means of sound attenuation, such as berms, barriers, or buildings, at the perimeter of or elsewhere on the site.
- (d) No new interior recreational facility, including, but not limited to, gymnasiums, ice or roller skating rinks, indoor swimming pools, and tennis courts, shall be approved for construction if the exterior day-night average sound level anywhere on the site is projected to be in excess of dBA within years following the estimated date of completion of the structure unless there is incorporated into the design and construction of the structure such sound attenuation measures as are necessary to reduce the maximum interior day-night average sound level (L_{in}) to dBA.

10.4 — Site Study Requirement

- (a) If the NCO has reason to believe that a full report is necessary to determine whether a proposed project is prohibited under Section 10.1 such report shall be made by the applicant prior to approval of

any subdivision, zoning, or building permit application. (If a full report has not been made and the applicant believes the project was wrongfully prohibited under Section 10.1, he may file a full report within days of the NCO decision and request reconsideration by the NCO. A full report shall contain the following information and any other information which the NCO may reasonably require:

- (1) the existing day-night average sound levels L_{dn} , including identification of the major sources of sound, for a representative sample of locations measured in accordance with guidelines published by the NCO;
 - (2) any projected or proposed new or expanded sources of sound which may affect exposure of the site during years following completion of the project and the projected future L_{dn} at the site resulting from these new or expanded sources; and,
 - (3) where applicable, plans for sound attenuation measures on the site and/or of the structure proposed to be built and the amount of sound attenuation anticipated as a result of these measures.
- (b) In determining whether an applicant should be required to submit a full report pursuant to subsection (a), the EPO/NCO shall consider Circular 1390.2 (Noise Abatement and Control) and other publications of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

10.5 Commercial and Industrial Construction

— No new or substantially modified structure on land used or zoned as commercial or industrial shall be approved for construction unless the owner or developer of such land has demonstrated, in accordance with guidelines published by the NCO, that the completed structure and the activities associated with and on the same property as the structure, will comply with the provisions of Article VIII at the time for initial full-scale operation of such activities.

10.6 Sound From New Transportation Systems in Residential Areas or Noise Sensitive Zones

— No plans for construction of new transportation systems or expansion of the capacity of existing transportation systems will be approved for location in or near residential areas or noise sensitive zones, regardless of the source of project funds, unless such plan includes all control measures necessary to ensure that the projected day-night average sound level (L_{dn}) due to the operation of the transportation system does not exceed dBA at any point on residential property within years after the expected completion of the project.

10.7 Equivalent Measurement Systems

— For the purposes of this Article, all measurements and designations of sound levels shall be expressed in day-night average sound levels (L_{dn}) or in any other equivalent measurement system the NCO may reasonably approve.

10.8 Zoning Ordinance or Comprehensive Plan

— (a) No proposed zoning ordinance or comprehensive plan shall be approved unless such

plan includes a sound analysis which;

- (1) identifies existing and projected noise sources and associated sound levels for years in and around the area under consideration, and
 - (2) ensures usage of adequate measures to avoid violation of any provision of this ordinance.
- (b) No zoning change application shall be approved unless the site feasibility study submitted as required by the (Zoning Board of Appeals)/ (Planning Commission), contains an analysis which shows:
- (1) the impact of existing and projected noise sources for years on the intended use, and
 - (2) the projected noise impact of the intended use, when completed, on surrounding areas. Such sites study shall ensure the use of adequate measures to avoid violation of any provision of this ordinance.

10.9 Truth in Selling or Renting

— No person shall sell or rent, or cause to be sold or rented, any structure or property to be used for human habitation, where the structure or property is exposed to sound levels regularly in excess of (an L_{eq} in any hour of dBA)/(an L_{dn} of dBA), without making full written disclosure to all potential buyers or renters of the existence of such sound levels and of the nature of the sources. The NCO shall develop a standard format for written disclosures, which shall include information on the effects of noise on human health and welfare.

10.10 Appeal

— Any applicant may appeal an adverse decision by the NCO under the Article, in the (appropriate court of law), on the grounds that the NCO disapproval was arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable.

Article XI Enforcement

11.1 Penalties

- (a) Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fined \$300 for the first offense, \$500 for the second, and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense not more than dollars.
- (b) Any person who ~~willfully or knowingly~~ violates any provision of this ordinance three times in one year shall be guilty of a misdemeanor ~~finned for each offense a sum of not less than dollars and not more than dollars.~~
- (c) Each day of violation of any provision of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

11.2 Abatement Orders

- ~~[(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) in lieu of issuing a notice of violation as provided for in Section 11.3, the NCO or other (agency/official) responsible for enforcement of any provision of this ordinance may issue an order requiring abatement of any source of sound or vibration alleged to be in violation of this ordinance within a reasonable time period and according to guidelines [to be approved by appropriate authority] which the NCO may prescribe.~~
- ~~(b) An abatement order shall not be issued:~~
- ~~(1) for any violation covered by Section 11.1 (b);~~

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(2) for any violation of; or
(3) when the NCO or other enforcement (agency)/
(official) has reason to believe that there will not be
compliance with the abatement order.}

11.3 Notice of Violation

[Except where a person is acting in good faith to
comply with an abatement order issued pursuant to
Section 11.2 (a)], violation of any provision of this
ordinance shall be cause for a (notice of violation)/
(summons)/(complaint)/(information or indictment)
to be issued by the NCO or other responsible
enforcement (agency official) according to
procedures (which the NCO may prescribe)/(set
forth in).

11.4 Immediate Threats to Health and Welfare

(a) The NCO shall order an immediate halt to any
sound which exposes any person, except those
excluded pursuant to subsection (b), to continuous
sound levels in excess of those shown in Table 4 or
to impulsive sound levels in excess of those shown
in Table 5. Within days following issuance of
such an order, the NCO shall apply to the
appropriate court for an injunction to replace the
order.

(b) No order pursuant to subsection (a) shall be
issued if the only persons exposed to sound levels
in excess of those listed in Tables IV and V are
exposed as a result of;

(1) trespass;

(2) invitation upon private property by the person
causing or permitting the sound; or

(3) employment by the person or a contractor of the
person causing or permitting the sound.

(c) Any person subject to an order issued pursuant
to subsection (a) shall comply with such order until;

(1) the sound is brought into compliance with the
order, as determined by the NCO; or

(2) a Judicial order has superseded the NCO order.

(d) Any person who violates an order issued
pursuant to this section shall, for each day of
violation, be fined not less than dollars nor
more than dollars.

TABLE 4
CONTINUOUS SOUND LEVELS WHICH POSE AN
IMMEDIATE THREAT TO HEALTH AND
WELFARE

(Measured at 50 Feet or 15 Meters)⁺

Sound Level Limit (dBA)	Duration
90	24 hours
93	12 hours
96	6 hours
99	3 hours
102	1.5 hours
103	45 minutes
108	22 minutes

⁺ Use equal energy-time-intensity trade-off if level
varies; find energy equivalent over 24 hours.

TABLE 5
IMPULSIVE SOUND LEVELS WHICH POSE AN
IMMEDIATE THREAT TO HEALTH AND WELFARE
(Measured at 50 Feet or 15 Meters)

Sound Level Limit (dBA)	Number of Repetitions per 24 Hour Period
145	1
135	10
125	100

11.5 Citizen Suits

(a) Any person, other than persons responsible for
enforcement of this ordinance, may commence a
civil action on his own behalf against:

(1) any person who is alleged to be in violation of
any provision of this ordinance set forth in Table 6
below or

(2) the NCO where there is alleged a failure of the
NCO to perform any act under this ordinance which
is not discretionary. The court shall have
Jurisdiction, without regard to the amount in
controversy, to grant such relief as it deems
necessary.

(b) No action may be commenced:

(1) under Subsection (a)(1)

(A) prior to days after the plaintiff has given
notice of the alleged violation to the NCO [and to
the alleged violator] of such violation; or

(B) if the NCO has commenced and is diligently
prosecuting an action against the alleged violator
with respect to such violation, [but in such action
any affected person may intervene as a matter of
right], or

(2) under Subsection (a)(2), prior to days after
the plaintiff has given notice to the NCO that he
will commence such action. Notice under this
subsection shall be given in a manner prescribed by
the NCO.

(c) In any action under this section, the NCO, if not
a party, may intervene as a matter of right.

(d) The court, in issuing any final order in any
action brought pursuant to subsection (a), may at its
discretion award the costs of litigation to any party.

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TABLE 6
Provisions Under Which Civil Actions May Be
Commenced

6.2.1(a)	(Radios, Television Sets, Musical Instruments and Similar Devices)
6.2.2	(Loudspeakers/Public Address Systems)
6.2.3	(Street Sales)
6.2.5	(Loading and Unloading)
6.2.6	(Construction)
6.2.7	(Vehicle or Motorboat Repairs and Testing)
6.2.9	(Places of Public Entertainment)
6.2.10	(Explosives, Firearms, and Similar Devices)
6.2.11	(Powered Model Vehicles)
6.2.12	(Vibration)
6.2.13	(Stationary, Non-Emergency Signaling Devices)
6.2.14	(Emergency Signaling Devices)
6.2.15	(Motorboats)
6.2.17	(Domestic Power Tools)
6.2.18	(Tampering)
8.1	(Maximum Permissible Sound Levels by Receiving Land Use)
9.1.3	(Refuse Collection Vehicles)
9.1.4	(Standing Motor Vehicles)
9.2(b)	(Motor Vehicle Racing Events)
9.2.1(b)	(Motor Vehicle Horns and Signaling Devices)
10.9	(Truth in Selling or Renting)

11.6 Other Remedies

No provision of this ordinance shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy there from, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this ordinance or from other law.

11.7 Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated.

11.8 Effective Date

This law/ordinance shall take the effect on
