

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 93-09-21-5

An ordinance defining and regulating the noise, allowable within the boundaries of Waterloo Township.

Sec. 1 NOISES: UNNECESSARY AND EXCESSIVE PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any loud, excessive, unnecessary or unusual noise. The following acts, among others, are in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely;

- A. HORNS, SIGNALING DEVICES, ETC. The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle on any street or public place of the Township except as a danger warning; the creation by means of any such signaling device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of any such device for any unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.
- B. RADIOS, TELEVISIONS, PHONOGRAPHS, ETC. The using, operating, or permitting to be played, used or operated any radio receiving set, television set, musical instrument, phonograph, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants, or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room, vehicle or chamber in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The operation of any such set, instrument, phonograph, machine or device in such manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of up to one hundred feet or more from the building, structure or vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
- C. ANIMALS, BIRDS, ETC. The keeping of any animal or bird which causes frequent or long continued noise which is plainly audible at a distance up to a hundred feet or more from the building or structure in which the animal or bird is located.
- D. EXHAUSTS. The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, internal combustion engine which causes loud, prolonged noise shall be prohibited. All engines shall be equipped with a proper muffler in good working order, and in continuous working order.

No person shall remove, destroy or damage any or all of of the baffles contained in such muffler. No person shall install a device to bypass the muffler on any internal combustion engine.

Sec. 2 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

It shall be the duty of all Waterloo Township police officers to enforce the provisions of this section. Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed ninety days (90), or both in the discretion of the County Court.

Sec. 3 EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its publication in the newspaper of general circulation.

DATED Sept 21, 1993

Those voting yes: 5

Those voting no: 0