

A LOCAL LAW GOVERNING NOISE CONTROL  
IN THE [CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN] OF [NAME OF CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN]

Title.

This chapter shall be known as the “Noise Control Law of the [City/Village/Town] of [name of City/Village/Town].”

§ 1. Policy.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the [City/Village/Town] of [name of City/Village/Town] to prevent excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noise. It is further declared that the provision and prohibitions hereinafter contained and enacted are in pursuance of and for the purpose of preserving, protecting and promoting the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and prosperity and the peace and quiet of the [City/Village/Town] of [name of City/Village/Town] and its inhabitants.

§ 2. Definitions.

Unless otherwise indicated by context, the following terms and phrases shall have the following meanings:

**DEVICE**—Any machine, mechanism or equipment which is intended to or which actually produces sound or vibration.

**PERSON**—Any individual, partnership, company, public or private corporation, association, firm, organization, political subdivision, governmental agency, administration or department, municipality, trust, estate, group of individuals or any other legal entity whatsoever.

**SOUND REPRODUCTION DEVICE**—Any device that is designed to be used or is actually used for the production or reproduction of sound, including but not limited to any musical instrument, radio, television, tape recorder, photograph or any other sound amplifying device.

**UNNECESSARY NOISE**—Any excessive or unusually loud sound or any sound which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of a person or which causes injury to animal life or damage to property or business. Standards to be considered in determining whether unnecessary noise exists in a given situation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. The intensity of the noise.
- B. Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual.
- C. Whether the origin of the noise is associated with nature or with manmade activity.

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