

PROPOSED NOISE ORDINANCE TOWN OF IRVINGTON, VIRGINIA

INTENT: The Town of Irvington intends to ensure an environment free from excessive noise which unnecessarily jeopardizes the health and welfare of its residents and/or degrades the quality of life in our community. Recognizing that certain equipment is essential to modern life and not amenable to controls, it is not the intent of this ordinance to prohibit or control noise producing equipment which is essential to the economy and quality of life of the community.

PROHIBITED SOUNDS:

- 1). Loud Noises meant to disturb the peace, disrupt proceedings or which can cause physical injury or hearing loss to those exposed.
- 2). Radios, stereos, Musical Instruments, PA systems, computers used to replicate sound in a volume louder than normal conversation fifty feet from a property line, person or vehicle.
- 3). Construction or repairing of buildings (including excavation, grading, or demolition -including blasting) other than between the hours of 7 AM to 8PM other than in the case of an emergency.
- 4). Yelling, shouting whistling, singing so as to annoy or disturb the comfort of persons inside their homes or offices.
- 5). Animals, birds, pets which make noise lasting more than 30 minutes or 45 minutes total in any given day.
- 6). Fireworks allowed only 2 days before, the 4th of July, two days after the forth and New Years Eve. Use outside those times -without a special permit-is a violation of this ordinance.
- 7). Firearms may not be discharged within town limits.
- 8). Loud noises caused by the Misuse of Powered vehicles including "laying rubber" or "peeling rubber"; misuse of braking power; rapid acceleration or deceleration by shifts of transmission gears; racing an engine;; horn blowing (except in an emergency to prevent an accident) and the use of inadequately muffled Jake brakes.

EXCEPTIONS:

- 1). The legal use of firearms.
- 2). Snow clearing operations
- 3). Lawn mowing between 7AM and 8PM
- 4). Noise created by emergency vehicles responding to an emergency.
- 5). Noise created to perform emergency work to restore property to a safe condition and to restore utility power. This includes noise from power generating equipment.