

NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

Whereas it is the express finding of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham County, Virginia, that the making, creation, or maintenance of excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noises within the boundaries of said County between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. are a detriment to public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County; and

Whereas it is the determination of said Board to secure and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County; and

Now, Therefore, be it Ordained:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued excessive unnecessary or unreasonably loud noise between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a Class 2 Misdemeanor (6 months/\$1, 000.00). Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense.
3. The following acts, among others, are declared to create excessive, unnecessary, or unreasonable noises in violation of this Ordinance, but said enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:
 - (a) **Radios, stereos, musical instruments, televisions, etc.** The using, operating, or permitting to be played, used, or operated any said device or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the building, structure, or vehicle in which it is located between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
 - (b) **Horns, signal devices, etc.** The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle, except as a danger warning, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
 - (c) **Yelling, shouting, etc.** Yelling, screaming, laughing, shouting, whistling, hooting, or singing in such manner or with such volume as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel, or other residence, except as a danger warning, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
4. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit, hinder, or in any way interfere with the normal conduct of daily work activity, either commercial or residential.
5. This Ordinance shall go into full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE BUCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1990

David V. Moorman

David V. Moorman, County Administrator