

TOWNSHIP OF METAMORA  
LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 20

An Ordinance to regulate excessive noise which would create a nuisance or disturb the public peace within the Township of Metamora and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

THE TOWNSHIP OF METAMORA ORDAINS:

Section 1. General Provisions

No person or group shall at any time cause a noise to be created which by its loud or continuous nature is a nuisance to persons occupying nearby properties. Refer to performance standards as stated in Ordinance #23 Section 1517 Paragraph F. This section shall not apply to farm operations which are carried on in an area properly zoned for that activity or for general home maintenance activities.

Section 2. Specific Provisions (Licensed Vehicles)

No motor vehicle, which is licensed to operate on public roads, will create excessive noise within the Township of Metamora. For purposes of this section, the term "excessive noise" shall be deemed to mean noise louder than that which would be created if the motor vehicle was equipped with a standard muffler system in good working order.

Section 3 (Night Noise)

No excessive noise shall be made on any private property within the Township of Metamora between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.. This section shall apply to noises created by phonographs, radios, stereo equipment, musical instruments and similar items. For purposes of this section, the term "excessive noise" shall be deemed to mean any noise which is audible beyond the property lines of the property on which the noise originates and which is audible beyond such property lines at a level louder than the noise caused by ordinary conversation, or exceeds the maximum allowable noise level described in Ordinance 23 Section 1517 paragraph F. Permission to waive the provisions of this section may be granted by the Township Board for specific events or social occasions.

Section 4 (Unlicensed Vehicles)

Any unlicensed or off road motorized vehicle must be fitted with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation. Exhaust noise emission shall not exceed 94DB(A) (or 99Db(A) on vehicles manufactured before January 1, 1986) when tested according to the provisions of the SE J 1287 test procedure for stationary motorcycles. Operation of such vehicles must also conform to the performance standard as described in Ordinance #23 Section 1517 paragraph F for noise levels at the property line.

Section 5 (Animal Noise)

No person shall keep any dog, fowl or animal which creates a nuisance by loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling or other noise.

Section 6

Any person who shall violate a provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor which shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00.

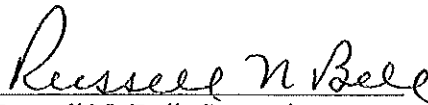
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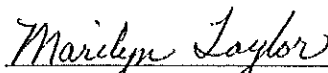
This ordinance and the various sections and provisions thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any section or provision is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance.

Section 8

This ordinance shall take effect thirty days from the date of publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

The undersigned Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Metamora hereby certify that this Ordinance amendment was duly adopted by the Metamora Township Board at a meeting held on the 9th day of October, 2000 and was published in the Lapeer County Press on the 15th day of October, 2000.

  
Russell N. Bell, Supervisor

  
Marilyn Taylor, Clerk

Effective Date: