

Pinconning Township Noise and Public Nuisance

An Ordinance is to secure the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents and property owners of Pinconning Township, Bay County Michigan, by the regulation of noise within said Township; to prescribe the penalties for the violation thereof.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PINCONNING, BAY COUNTY MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1: Title

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Pinconning Township Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance.

Section 2: Definitions

The following terms used in this Ordinance are defined as follows:

- A. "Decibal" is a unit used to express the magnitude of sound pressure and sound intensity. The difference in decibels between two sound pressures is twenty (20) times the common logarithm of their ratio. In sound press measurements, the sound pressure level of a given sound is defined to be 20 times the common logarithm of the ratio of that sound pressure to a reference pressure of $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{N/m}^2$ (Newtons per meter squared). As an example of the effect of this formula, a 3 decibel change in the sound pressure level corresponds to a doubling or halving of the sound intensity, and a 10 decibel change corresponds to a 10-fold increase or decrease to $1/10^{\text{th}}$ the former intensity.
- B. "db(A)" means the sound pressure level in decibels measured on the "A" scale of a standard sound level meter having characteristics defined by the American National Standards Institute, Publication ANSI s1.4-1971.

Section 3: Noise Regulations

- A. General Regulation. No person, firm or corporation shall cause or create any unreasonable or unnecessarily loud noise or disturbance, injurious to the health, peace or quiet of the residents and property owners of the Township.
- B. Specific Violations. The following noises and disturbances are hereby declared to be a violation of this ordinance; provided, however, that the specification of the same is not thereby to be construed to exclude other violations of this ordinance not specifically enumerated:

1. The playing of any radio, phonograph, television or other electronic or mechanical sound – producing device, including any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume as to unreasonably upset or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of other persons.
2. Yelling, Shouting, Hooting or Singing on the public streets between the hours of 10:00PM and 7:00AM, or at any time or place so as to unreasonably upset or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity.
3. The emission or creation of any excessive noise which unreasonably interferes with the operation of any school, church, hospital or court.
4. The keeping of any animal, bird or fowl, which emanates frequent or extended noise which shall unreasonably disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity; such as allowing or permitting any dog to bark repeatedly in area where such barking can be clearly heard from nearby residential property.
5. The operation of any automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle so out of repair or so loaded or constructed as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding , rattling or other unreasonable noise including the noise resulting from exhaust, which is clearly audible from nearby properties and unreasonably disturbing to the quiet, comfort or repose of other persons. The modification of any noise abatement device on any motor vehicle or engine or the failure to maintain same so that the noise emitted by such vehicle or engine is increased above that emitted by such vehicle as originally manufactured shall be in violation of this section.
6. The sounding of any horn or other device on any motor vehicle unless necessary to operate said vehicle safely or as required by the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code.
7. The discharging outside of any enclosed building of the exhaust of any steam engine, internal combustion engine, motor vehicle or motor boat engine except through a muffler or other similar device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises. The modification of any noise abatement device on any motor vehicle or engine, or the failure to maintain same so the noise emitted by such or engine is increased above that emitted by such vehicle as originally manufactured shall be in violation of this section.
8. The erection, excavation, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or premises in any part of the Township and including the streets and highways, in such a manner as to emanate noise or disturbance unreasonably annoying to other persons, other than between the hours of 7:00 AM and Sundown on any day, except in cases of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety. In such case, a permit shall be obtained from the building inspector or ordinance enforcement officer of the Township, which permit shall limit the periods that the activity may continue.
9. The creation of a loud or excessive noise unreasonably disturbing to other persons in the vicinity in connection with the operation, loading or unloading of any vehicle trailer, railroad car or other carrier or in connection with the repairing of any such vehicle in or near residential areas.