

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 30043

Ordinance No. _____

Passed _____, 20____

ORDINANCE 2025-42

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 509 SECTION 509.09 CAPTIONED "SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES." OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE

WHEREAS, the Doylestown Planning Commission has recommended making this change to our General Offenses Code to change restricted noise hours for a clear and more practical enforcement.

WHEREAS, Council for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Doylestown within the Village of Doylestown now wishes to approve this revision to the existing Codified Ordinance.

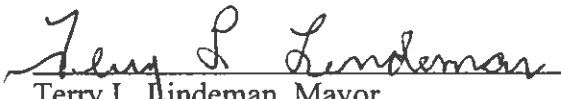
NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Doylestown, Wayne County, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 509.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Doylestown will be repealed and replaced as shown in Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: December 17, 2025

Attest:


Terry L. Lindeman, Mayor


Kristen J. Robison, Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

509.09 SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES.

(a) No person shall generate or permit to be generated unreasonable noise or loud sound, whether by means of mechanical equipment, power tools, lawn-maintenance machinery, radios, phonographs, televisions, tape players, loudspeakers, or any other sound-producing or sound-amplifying device, or by any horn, drum, piano or other musical or percussion instrument which is likely to cause inconvenience or annoyance to persons of ordinary sensibilities.

(1) It is prima facie unlawful for a person to generate or permit to be generated sound by the above-described device or instruments in the following circumstances:

A. On private property between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. of the following day in a predominantly residential area or from a property zoned R-1 or R-2, where the sound is audible more than eighty feet from the property line of the property on which the source of the sound is located or exceeds the decibel limit established in subsection (e).

B. On a street, highway or in the public right of way where the sound is audible 100 feet from the device generating the sound. Persons in possession of a current parade permit or current loudspeaker permit are exempt from the provisions of this division.

(b) No person, being the owner, or person in possession of a premises or person in control of the premises by reason of employment agency, or otherwise whether such ownership, possession or control is exclusive or joint, shall permit a violation of this section. Compliance with subsection (e) shall be considered when determining whether a violation of this section has occurred.

(c) Warning and alarm devices which have the purpose of signaling unsafe or dangerous situations or calling for police are exempted from the prohibitions of this section when used for such purposes.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of generating unreasonable noise and a minor misdemeanor. If the offender persists in generating or permitting to be generated unreasonable noise after reasonable warning or request to desist, generating unreasonable noise is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(e) Decibel Limits by Zoning District.

In addition to the prohibitions contained in subsection (a), the following maximum sound levels, measured in decibels (dBA), shall apply to noise generated within the Village. Measurements shall be taken at the property line of the receiving property using a calibrated sound level meter.

(1) Residential Districts

- RSF-1 Single-Family Residential
 - RSF-2 Single-Family Residential / Cluster Development
 - R-2F Two-Family Residential
 - RMF-1 Multi-Family Residential
 - RMF-2 Multi-Family Residential
- Maximum Sound Level: 60 dBA

(2) Commercial Districts

- BN Neighborhood Business
 - B-OP Office and Professional
 - BD Downtown Business
 - BG General Business
- Maximum Sound Level: 70 dBA

(3) Industrial Districts

- LI Light Industrial
- Maximum Sound Level: 80 dBA

(4) Exemptions.

The following noises are exempt from the decibel limits of this subsection:

- A. Emergency warning devices, public safety signals, and emergency response activities;
- B. Snow-removal operations;

C. Lawn-maintenance equipment operating between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., except that such equipment shall remain subject to the general prohibition against unreasonable noise under subsection (a).