

# Noise Ordinance

MOVE 

FILTER BY SEGMENT   
Project Engagement

OPTIONS 



VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSES	COMMENTS	SUBSCRIBERS
5,233	223	0	296	1

Please submit any comments you have about changes to the noise ordinance here.

This ordinance needs to include daytime hours. Residential areas shouldn't have to put up with a neighbor bearing music from 4pm - 10pm. Some of are trying to study or read or may want to listen to music inside our own home without having to compete with a neighbor.

5/28/2022

 49 Agree

It does. If it is more than 1 hour and/or can be heard inside your home to a certain level, it is punishable. Right now though, it is more hoops for law enforcement and residents to jump through to get anything done. These changes will help deter ppl from repeat offending and being obnoxiously rude to neighbors, by fining them. Giving police more time to focus on other ways they are needed.

6/5/2022

 16 Agree

Yes. I have a neighbor who practices their band in the driveway or in the open garage facing the neighborhood. Specifically towards my home. They refuse to turn it down and adjust the microphones and say they have until 10pm. I tell them they are not breaking the law but they are incredibly rude and intrusive. They think everyone loves their music. It is a novelty and has its time and place. Most neighbors do not want to complain.

6/28/2022

 10 Agree

What are you gonna do about the children that are playing in the street giggling and laughing and hollering and having a great time? Have you forgotten what it's like to be a kid? Let them play!

6/28/2022

 7 Agree

You have too much damn time on your hands.

6/28/2022

These proposed changes make sense to me and I support them. Too many inconsiderate people who don't seem to care about blasting their neighbors or even on the beach or other public area.

5/28/2022

 38 Agree

Sounds great to me, lets just enforce it please. Should consider some type of daytime or possibly weekday additions as people work form home now.

5/30/2022

 27 Agree

---

I support these changes but have two issues I'd like addressed regarding noise that I don't think are covered by this and are of concern. 1. The playing of loud music from huge amplifiers on the VB boardwalk that seem to be sponsored by the city to "entertain" tourists. This noise is ear-splitting and destroys the relaxing atmosphere of a visit to the beach. 2. What can be done about a car driving through a residential area with booming base "music"? If we call the police, they will be long gone.

5/27/2022

⬆️ 19 Agree

---

There is no noise ordinance for daytime noise of rap music from a neighbor over 100 ft away that can be heard inside my home.

5/28/2022

⬆️ 16 Agree

---

Exactly! Let's do something about people who are blaring music—country, rap, etc.—during the daytime. Something has got to change.

5/28/2022

⬆️ 16 Agree

---

oh so you're only opposed to rap music blaring. smh

6/27/2022

⬆️ 6 Agree

---

It should be for ALL music and not genre-specific.

7/2/2022

⬆️ 1 Agree

---

I support the new ordinance and love the simplicity of it. However, we need to include something for daytime hours. Some neighbors blast their music to the extent that I have to go into a closet just to make a phone call in my own home. This is just unreasonable, and it goes on for hours! Basic consideration and common sense is just not going to happen in many neighborhoods without the law. People should not be permitted to interfere with a person's ability to conduct their basic daily home life. If we cannot include something for daytime hours, I still support the new ordinance; it's a welcome improvement over what we have now!

5/30/2022

⬆️ 14 Agree

---

Noise/music that is so loud that two streets away you can feel and hear it should be a violation no matter what time it is. There are neighbors that have parties with a speaker outside that makes the neighbors behind them unable to hear anything in their own home and across the street from the neighbors on the street in front of them the same. I have the right to peace at anytime of the day.

5/30/2022

⬆️ 14 Agree

---

I am for a strict and ENFORCEABLE noise ordinance. People have the right of "quiet enjoyment" of their home, yet with the proliferation of loud cars and after market mufflers - "quiet" has become is a luxury.

Quiet hours should be enforced and excessive noise during daytime hours must also be enforced, Particularly bass sub-woofers which carry such a long way. Ear plugs and white noise cannot block out sub-woofers so there is no way to get away from the constant droning.

5/29/2022

⬆️ 12 Agree

---

I support the proposed changes 100%. People are becoming more and more selfish with regard to any human being outside their own small bubble. It is a welcome change. There is no reason a house party or any other form of amplified music needs to be so loud as to disrupt the peace for other people. Change the noise ordinance.

5/28/2022

⬆️ 11 Agree

---

I will make exception for the occasional party. It is routine noisemakers that need be concern.

7/2/2022

⬆️ 1 Agree

---

I agree with this proposed change for the hours indicated. Thank you for considering this change.

5/27/2022

⬆️ 11 Agree

---

Dear Mr. Mayor and council members,

I am writing to you asking and imploring you to please pass the new noise ordinance. I cannot tell you how many times during the week I've been woken up after 11:00 pm or midnight due to loud music, which makes it impossible to get back to sleep. And during the weekend the music gets even louder for longer periods of time and at any time of the day.

If the music is audible inside someone else's house, the music is too loud!! PLEASE PASS THE NEW NOISE ORDINANCE!

5/31/2022

⬆️ 10 Agree

---

We agree but something also needs to be done about daytime noise in neighborhoods - too many are so inconsiderate of their surrounding neighbors blasting very loud music all day and night. Ridiculously loud.

5/30/2022

⬆️ 10 Agree

---

I totally disagree with this proposal. People will use something like this to get petty and vindictive. VA Beach is a city. Cities are noisy. Move elsewhere if you want it quiet all the time.

5/28/2022

⬆️ 10 Agree

---

It's not being petty to have reasonable expectations for the use of your home.

5/30/2022

⬆️ 14 Agree

---

You are clearly a likely offender. I should not have to hear your music or your dog for an extended period of time. It is a community, act like it.

7/2/2022

⬆️ 1 Agree

---

10pm is too late to start enforcement. Most children go to bed between 8-9pm, especially on school nights. It's EXTREMELY IMPORTANT for children to have a regular bedtime and get at least 8 hours of RESTFUL sleep in order for their brain to perform at It's best in school.

I believe the ordinance should be in effect 24 hrs a day. During the day, the sound has to be heard from further distance than it does after 8-9pm

6/4/2022

⬆️ 9 Agree

---

Yes !! Wish you could do this for cars-radios and mufflers !

5/28/2022

⬆️ 9 Agree

---

I am concerned about daytime/evening noise from loud car and motorcycle mufflers, high pitched saws, sanders and other equipment that neighbors use. People can't sit outside their homes on decks or in backyards and enjoy their own homes because of these loud noises. How will the changes in the ordinance address these issues?

5/28/2022

9 Agree

---

Would this mean you can't use your lawnmower or have alterations done on your house. How about someone wants a tree cut down. This whole thing is absolutely pathetic.

6/30/2022

---

I am 100% in favor of the changes to the noise ordinance. I wish it went one step further and also included rules for daytime noise and/or move the time to 7am-8pm. 10 pm is past the bedtime of most children. The current noise ordinance allows neighbors and businesses to blast music that can be heard inside your home to all hours of the night without any repercussions. Too many people and businesses have zero consideration for the people who live around them and will simply be as loud as they can because it is allowed by the current noise ordinance. I believe the current ordinance only allows for criminal charges and I think having a civil penalty to enforce can be helpful in allowing something to be done that addresses the issue without having to press criminal charges. City Council, please vote in favor of this measure. Citizens should have the right to go about their lives within their homes without having to hear overbearingly loud noise/music from neighbors or businesses.

6/4/2022

8 Agree

---

I feel that the daytime restrictions are too restrictive. Whereas I respect a person's right to reasonable sound levels after 10pm, I think that the daytime restrictions are too much. My home is situated in a manner that my back yard is 30ft from the end of a cul-de-sac. My fence does not abate common noise from regular conversation, a baby crying, or a child laughing. The way the ordinance is proposed, if you can hear sound at 100ft during the day, you are in violation. So, I annoy a neighbor with mowing my lawn at a time when they want quiet, I'm in violation? It's too subjective and vague and has the potential to prevent people from exercising their right to enjoy being outdoors at their own home. What about business? A popular restaurant near a neighborhood has outdoor seating, they will have to close. What about concerts at the amphitheater? On some evenings I can hear it from very far away. This ordinance needs to be refined to be clarified. Provide examples of what is reasonable and what is not. I do not approve of these proposed changes.

6/4/2022

8 Agree

---

I agree with the change. I live in a apartment complex and it seems like I have to call security every weekend due to disrespectful neighbors that live next to me playing loud music all through the night. I am a healthcare worker who has to be to work early and I need my rest. I pay my rent on time, why do I have to suffer because others do not want to follow the rules. I will not be renewing my lease.

5/30/2022

8 Agree

---

I am for this propose changes, but I disagree with time frame. You Should Have this ordinance apply 24/7. #1. Drivers blaring loud music get distracted very easily. They could be 5 cars away from one or just right next to someone at a light and it just disturbs one's peace. There are times that drivers get so " into their world " and start swerving back from one lane to another not caring for anyone's life but theirs. Honking is useless because this causes them to purposely do the action again or worse is just stand still in the middle of the road. #2. Vehicles that pass on residential area blaring loud music driving either fast or slow should be held accountable of their actions as well. No matter where You live Everyone should be considerate of each other. Keeping in mind that EVERYONE NOT only YOU have different shifts to work. Playing loud music at any given time for any given reason/occasion should be punishable for disturbing someones peace, rest, quiet, etc ... This and many other things I find it surprising how they are just commonly accepted or possibly no one wants to speak up just not to have any kind of dispute or altercation. We Need Change!

5/30/2022

⊕ 8 Agree

---

I have lived on Atlantic Ave. for over 25 years. There has always been some traffic noise, but nothing that would disturb a conversation or drown out music or tv. During the last two years, the noise level from cars has increased dramatically. Many cars race on Atlantic past my house which is another issue, but the sound of the motors of these cars has been amped up to an obnoxious level. They sound like they have no muffler at all and conversation stops when they are racing by. Would the noise ordinance address this issue?

5/28/2022

⊕ 8 Agree

---

This seems a little broad. Plainly Audible at 50 feet? And non-law enforcement personnel are able to assign the civil penalty? So, this ordinance says if I start my sprinkler in my front yard at 6 am I can be fined. Swimming in the early morning can be heard from 50 ft also. The wind can affect the distance sound travels. A car idling is audible at 50 feet. Many of the houses in Virginia Beach are close together so sitting outside on a nice night conversing will be illegal? 50 feet clearly audible is ridiculous.

6/28/2022

⊕ 7 Agree

---

I can clearly hear my neighbors music, right now as I type this, over the everyday noises from inside my own home (TV, washer/dryer, AC/fans, etc.). The changes make sense and hopefully can be enforced/supported in neighborhoods across Virginia Beach. Daytime hours MUST be included though. I can't even enjoy sitting in my own home without hearing the thud of bass, let alone go outside. Hopefully the city does something.

6/16/2022

⊕ 7 Agree

---

i support these changes! my home will be peaceful once again!

6/11/2022

⊕ 7 Agree

---

This is an ignorant waste of time. It creates a scenario where people can complain about their neighbors to the city. It will be abused.

6/11/2022

⊕ 7 Agree

---

Very supportive of this proposal and find the hours reasonable. A peaceful night sleep is deserved by all regardless of neighborhood

6/5/2022

⊕ 7 Agree

---

This is way too extreme and gives the whining neighbor too much control over my property that I have pay the state property tax for. Either way I'm doing what I want unless the law makers and neighbors want to pay my taxes. If you wanted quietness, move to the country.

6/5/2022

7 Agree

---

Does this include illegal fireworks being lit and set off on residential streets? All hours of the night into early morning? If it does then I would like to propose that enforcing the law that already stands in reference to this illegal activity, becomes a reality. Im not a party pooper by any means but its scary also when you see the same fireworks you go to mt trashmore to see, in the sky on your street, knowing those lit embers will fall on trees and homes. & The noise and sudden booms are loud enough to make your heart skip beats and literally jump. Make it stop! Please! Local wildlife and boom fearing pets will be very appreciative too. I personally would take a loud music playing neighbor over those lighting illegal fireworks, any. day.

6/5/2022

7 Agree

---

I support these measures because they will be great for dealing with nighttime problems and making the ordinance easier to enforce. I would also suggest that daytime regulations be improved too. I work from home and have had several meetings where surrounding noises interfered. I also think we should be restricting churches. Throughout the pandemic, I was awoken and forced to listen to extreme volume levels inside my house coming from Rock Church's outdoor events. It was distracting for my work day and my own online church service. Car "mufflers" are also more constant than birds chirping around here. It sounds like a racetrack at all hours.

5/31/2022

7 Agree

---

Please make this apply 24 hours a day to include loud cars and motorcycles as well. No need for a vehicle to be heard over a mile away at any time of the day or night. Police should be able to stop and ticket these perps on their own with no citizen complaint needed.

5/30/2022

7 Agree

---

I live off Witchduck Road in Kempsville area. The constant cars racing up and down Witchduck Road with amplified mufflers blasting away at all hours is RIDICULOUS. New York City was quieter than this place.

5/30/2022

7 Agree

---

My children are kept up nightly by loud bass and music coming from STARZ restaurant and loung nightly. I have reported this to the Vbpd on a regular basis and it continues. It is really hard to swallow the amount of taxes I pay to pay to lay in bed while wall shaking music keeps my family awake. Please approve the new ordinance.

Virginia Beach home owner.

5/30/2022

7 Agree

---

My son and I live behind Dockers off of South Plaza trail and the noise it so loud till 2 am it shakes the house. After that the parking lot sweeper comes in and the lights from the caution beacon light up your bedroom. I have called the police many time with no help on any of it. I have even called the bar. If I knew the restaurant was going to turn into a karaoke bar I would not have bought the place.

5/30/2022

3 Agree

---

Yes, this is common sense and easily enforced. I support this.

5/28/2022

👍 7 Agree

---

STOP over reaching and being toxic! The actual ordinance is vague and unenforceable - your poor police officers, boots on the ground that have to put up with neighbors that just "hate" on other neighbors and constantly call police to report every little thing. I VOTE "NO" to constantly changing these parameters on residents, vacationers and 2nd home homeowners who live out of town and usually remain unaware of these changes until "SLAP" you got a \$250 fine! How unfriendly and toxic! We should be encouraging tourism instead of suffocating it with new ordinances.

6/27/2022

👍 6 Agree

---

I can agree with some of these subjective changes from 10 pm - 7 am. But during the day is an overreach. These changes would punish pool parties, kids birthdays parties and really any personal get togethers at your own private residence even during the day. Noise meters are objective and should be the burden of proof during day time hours to attest whether an activity is "too loud,". Anyone that has hosted a kid's birthday or pool party knows their "cannonball" screams are more than "plainly audible," and could end up costing you money, time and a civil or criminal record. Plus this will outlawed musical instrument practice, unless you are on school grounds, lines 159-167 and 372. Way to go VB. The fact that at line 128, "Other City Departments" can enforce this statue, VB is opening themselves up to disaster. Will these folks have deescalation training? Will they have the years of training the PD gets in enforcement procedures? I agree that quiet hours should be enforced at night, but this goes too far. If people want isolation and silence, I suggest a rural area. We live in a City.

6/27/2022

👍 6 Agree

---

I fully support the proposed changes. However, it would be nice if it covered daytime as well. I have a child that is autistic and has sensory issues to noise. My new neighbor enjoys blaring his base for hours (one night it went from 5 pm to 1 am). The police did not do anything. This change will help with inconsiderate neighbors.

6/22/2022

👍 6 Agree

---

This is absolute garbage. Why don't WE worry about the ACTUAL crime going on?? So an officer goes to a house with loudmusic while someone else is dying after being shot and beaten...makes no sense. Waste of resources completely.

6/21/2022

👍 6 Agree

---

I am all for it & thank those of you working on it. We deal with this on an almost daily basis with a neighbor who has no regard to his surrounding neighbors. He blasts his music so loud with so much bass it vibrates windows. Many times with vulgar, racist words in music. Police have been over there multiple times, a waste of their time. If it hit offenders in their wallet it might help resolve some of it

6/10/2022

👍 6 Agree

---

The noise ordinance needs to be in place and enforced 24/7. Unwanted sound should be considered to be similar to a form of trespassing. Once someone else's unwanted sound has crossed the border of your property, it is a violation of the sanctity of your property. Except for the airspace belonging to the US Gov, we own our airspace, the walls and ground that sounds radiate through.

Bass music, low frequency intrusion shall also be considered a violation of an individual property owner's right to a peaceful way of life and a violation of the Noise Ordinance.

We pay a lot to live in this City. Our rights to peace should be protected. Thank you for trying to upgrade the ordinance.

"It is a violation if noise is simply audible and can be heard from 50 ft. away", but I hope I am understanding this correctly that if the noise originates in less than 50 feet from the complainant location, it is still too loud and in violation, the same with noise originating further than 50 feet away. I have been at my wit's end many times from people dropping house shaking bass for endless hours a block away, so that's probably more than 50 feet away. It has been a 20 year nightmare. We have been waiting a long time for this.

6/7/2022

⬇️ 6 Agree

---

I agree with proposed changes

6/5/2022

⬇️ 6 Agree

---

I very much support this. One of the reasons we bought a house was bc noise levels in the apartments made it very hard to sleep. Now, even in a home, we have neighbors that have loud, drunken parties until 2 and 3 am. Can't get sleep when the bass is making everything on my walls rattle. Not to mention, we live on the block over from this house. Our entire neighborhood is fet up with it. Ppl have kids, jobs, and need sleep. Ppl who are repeat offenders and obnoxious about it, have very little repercussions when officers have to come into your home with a decibel meter. Sadly, some ppl don't consider the consequences and affects it has on those around them, until you start fining them. These changes will save officers a lot of time and frustration and hopefully make a lot of residents, who just want to sleep etc., much happier. Please, please, please vote yes on this. Very hard for anybody to function on 2 or less hours of sleep.

6/5/2022

⬇️ 6 Agree

---

100% in favor of the new ordinance!! Impossible to sit on my balcony on a Sat/Sun afternoon!! The noise from altered mufflers & cars as well as the speakers blasting music with offensive lyrics from the back of pickups is unbearable! Ken Mulvaney 401 Atlantic Ave.

6/5/2022

⬇️ 6 Agree

---

I think there should be a violation for residents who excessively call the police for noise complaints when there is no violation in time or loudness. It's a waste of assets because one person can't handle any noise what so ever.

6/5/2022

⬇️ 6 Agree

---

I definitely support strengthening our noise ordinance in this manner. As our city has grown and become much more dense in population we've begun to have a lot of commercial and residential areas located much closer together. For example, brew pubs have been built within hearing distance of pre-existing homes. Then they've subsequently been allowed to add outdoor activities and loud music that now has to be tolerated by people in their homes. This is unacceptable for our communities.

6/5/2022

⊕ 6 Agree

---

This "unacceptable" state of added activities and noise is the result of VBs elected body which approved each and every commercial and residential development that you now find so egregious. No one speaks up and discusses these issues during the application and permitting phase, but they complain after it's constructed and in use. More citizens need to be proactive and aware of what's going on in and around their communities.

7/2/2022

---

The proposed changes are absolutely necessary if we want to live in nice quiet family neighborhoods. When neighbors are blasting music, especially music with explicit lyrics (which is often the case), it teaches our children that being disrespectful to your neighbors is acceptable behavior. They also learn to use the foul language that's in many of today's popular music.

Repeat offenses within a certain time frame (6 months or a year) should be fined significantly more for each additional violation. 2nd offense = \$500 fine. 3rd offense = \$750 + criminal charge

6/4/2022

⊕ 6 Agree

---

I am glad to see that the city is addressing this issue, and I support the changes to the noise ordinance. Like other citizens who have contributed their comments, I agree that the violation should be enforceable throughout the daytime and evening hours as well. Something should also be done about the cars with ridiculously loud mufflers. My husband and I are in the process of moving out of the city because it is impossible to enjoy a home here when everyone is so loud, and we would not currently recommend living or visiting here to others. Thank you for working on this for the benefit of all!

6/1/2022

⊕ 6 Agree

---

It's a start in the right direction VB! Kudos for the proposed changes! We need to do something about the day time as well as we shouldn't have to be subjected to constant music/bass coming from homes at all hours of the day. Let's vote these proposed changes in!

6/1/2022

⊕ 6 Agree

---

I'm against cars blaring music because it is an annoyance. However, the F-18 fighter jets are absolutely the sound of freedom and everyone in the city should recognize that NAS Oceana just celebrated 75 years in Virginia Beach making it here long before all of us. Get over the noise and stop complaining about fighter jets.

5/30/2022

⊕ 6 Agree

---

I like this change & it makes more sense than the decibel thing. Good job!

5/28/2022

⊕ 6 Agree

---

We live near a base with jets going in and out everyday...that's over 75dBA. In addition to Sublime constantly blasting out of storefronts and restaurants during Summer season. Mixed in with domestic violence heard from hotel rooms and residential dwellings. "Noise" is part of Oceanfront culture. If you want to be "City" then noise is part of it.

5/27/2022

⬆️ 6 Agree

---

I've worked as a professional bass player/sound engineer/DJ for 45 years. Changing this ordinance to have reduced reliance on specialized sound meter equipment would not be a recommended. Plainly audible is a subjective term and free sound meter apps exist to download for both Android and Apple phones.

6/28/2022

⬆️ 5 Agree

---

This is a sensitive subject, Virginia Beach zoning allowed two night clubs to open and operate within feet of our residential neighborhood. We've been battling for years and need a legal, enforceable ordinance immediately. Do not allow the can to be kicked any further down the road, I'm sure no one on the board has to listen to club music shaking there windows Friday and Saturday night at 1AM or ruckus in the parking lot at 2AM when the clubs let out like we do. I appreciate you working to make this right, now make decisions and get an enforceable ordinance in place to hopefully restore some peace and tranquility in our city.

6/22/2022

⬆️ 5 Agree

---

Noise ordinance should be from 7pm to 10am. What about the people working nights. Why are we always being silenced and forgotten. No stores open over night no food to eat overnight. And no sleep because people are allowed to be loud most of the time we sleep.

6/21/2022

⬆️ 5 Agree

---

I agree wholeheartedly. We live next to the new Delta hotel and they continue to have bands.DJ music in their events room that is causing the residents on Mariners Mark Way much anxiety. They were suppose to address the noise two years ago and their approach has been haphazard and we are grateful the city is going to reinforce loud music that disturbs neighbors. Yhe vibrating bass mucsic is the worst and I would hope that the 10-7 time frame would be modified to eliminate this awful sound if heard 50 ft from our home. Some of us still have to get up early to go to work and many residents are trying to wind down from the day and are in bed by 10 PM and loud music is a terrible disturbance. Please eliminate loud music, period so we can enjoy some peace and quiet all the time not just in a specific timeframe.

6/16/2022

⬆️ 5 Agree

---

I agree the city needs stronger and enforceable noise ordinances.

6/13/2022

⬆️ 5 Agree

---

The time should be certain decibel levels 24/7. 808 bass that projects like bomb across the city should not be allowed at any time. Deep earth shaking bass that rattles an entire building should be completely illegal. This is beyond audible to the ear.

6/7/2022

⬆️ 5 Agree

---

I support these changes to make our VB community a more comfortable and functional place to live for everyone.

6/5/2022

⬆️ 5 Agree

---

I support noise restrictions. It has gotten out of hand, especially with car mufflers

6/4/2022

👍 5 Agree

---

The noise ordinance should also include daytime hours for noise. Noise pollution is getting out of control and with personal

Devises in public, ear buds should be required. No one wants to listen to someone else's noisy music blaring. Respect for others is non-existent anymore so unfortunately regulations are now needed for everything, as that's society today, sad but true.

6/4/2022

👍 5 Agree

---

Dog muzzles should be required so we don't have to listen to dogs bark. Why do dog owners think it is ok to have their dog barking and other kinds of noise is not good. Typical hypocrite dog owners.

6/15/2022

---

This is a good idea, thank you

6/3/2022

👍 5 Agree

---

Upon review of the present and proposed ordinance, and the YouTube video of the May 24 Council Workshop, this comment is in support of a revised ordinance. As an Atlantic Avenue, Resort Strip resident of nearly 20 years, we have seen an evolution of noise disturbance from simple boisterous outside behavior when bars close to motorcycles, with modified exhaust systems, at stop lights, louder cars and trucks, with similarly modified exhaust systems, and much louder music from vehicles. Most recently, and perhaps even more disturbing, is the offensive lyrical content of music/audio coming from some of the vehicles with enhanced sound systems, that we can hear inside our condo with closed doors more than fifty feet above the street. Specifically regarding the oceanfront, allowing this level of noise to continue runs counter to the desire to support the city's tourism goals. Thank you!

6/1/2022

👍 5 Agree

---

Have you considered that your daytime decibel level may be too restrictive in terms of the decibel level of a normal, everyday conversation in one's own house and thus infringe on constitutionally guaranteed free speech?

5/31/2022

👍 5 Agree

---

Earth shaking bass and loud noise emitting devices have nothing to do with free speech. Free speech is the freedom to voice your opinion or hold views publicly that are contrary to popular opinions. NOT blasting 80-8 bass from vehicles.

6/7/2022

👍 5 Agree

---

This needs to apply to the Oceanfront as well. Stayed at the Boardwalk Hotel last year and the restaurant on the first floor blasted loud music until 1:00 am in the morning. I could hear it in my room on the 10th floor. Hotel would not do anything because they said the city has no noise ordinance.

5/28/2022

👍 5 Agree

---

This is vague and isn't clear. Why are we proposing ridiculous ordinances when we need to be fighting inflation and safety of school children?

6/28/2022

⬇ 4 Agree

---

This document is very good and thoughtful. It covers just about every situation. The City Attorney and staff did a great job in my opinion.

1. In the brief I watch the City attorney said the officer has to be trained on the device to measure sound and has to be approved. But in this document none of that is mentioned. I do not see why any police officer can't use their city cell phone with the OSHA approved APP. OSHA puts out an app for measurement of sound. Just for the purpose. It's free and every officer can have it downloaded on their cell phones. I am pretty sure it would be admissible in court. It's a sound level meter measurement device from OSHA. I have it. Unless this is an archaic state provision that should be changed with today's technology.

2. Sec. 23-65 line 130 addresses my concern with relation to businesses.

3. Line 226 addresses my concern since I live in an agricultural community.

4. I do not agree with line 377. It should not be a blanket exception if a permit is given. Take the case below where Blue Pete's a supposedly family restaurant receives a permit for amplified sound for an event. Blue Pete's is always too loud. I call and complain, but this is there out because of line 377 if they obtain a permit. Now this particular permit has provisions as most do. But what if the "NOISE COMPLAINT, was not part of the permit given for revocation/suspension of such permit. This section of the permit is typed in by the approving person. It won't be there every time a permit is granted. It's contradicting, and I believe a permit should not be grounds in itself for exception. That needs to be tweaked.

5. Enforcement is an issue. The current ordinance is never enforced. Maybe that is because of the Measuring Device. But as I have spoken with officers when I have called, I feel it is their lack of knowledge and understanding. Business measurements are different than residential. The officer always says to me there is nothing they can do because they have to measure from inside my home etc.. That is not true with a business, as I have stated over, and over, again. I have taken measurement with the current law from my OSHA measurement device/app and it always far exceeds 65 decibels. The measurement can be taken from the road or any adjacent property outside. Sec. 23-72 in the current law. As many times as I have called it was never done. The Ordinance does have separate classifications for businesses. A B1 Business as Blue Pete's is, should not even be granted a permit for certain events, given the restrictions of a B1 Business. So the permitting office is given out permits that break the Zoning and ordinance laws in the first place.

5. Part of the enforcement problem is these permits are not posted as they are supposed to be and the responding officer's doesn't ask. In the case of Blue Pete's, they require a permit for their Weddings, outside live bands, any event which involves tents and selling of merchandise by vendors. A Class B Businesses. They have never applied, so no permit is posted and the officer's never ask when they show up. They assume it's ok. It's not.

6. I called and complained about Blue Pete's loud live amplified outside band again, on Fathers Day. No permit, and the police showed up at my Home. They did not even have a decibel reader. They informed me it broke? Now given they did not even have permit for amplified outdoor sound, they could have stopped the band. The LT told me he is not going to do that? So what good is this if the police will not support even the current laws. Understand a reading needs to happen for Criminal Charges. Only one reader for all of VABCH and one officer who is trained. Does that make sense? And if a Business doesn't have a permit which is required for live outside amplified entertainment, why are officers not enforcing this ordinance? The oath of office doesn't say we only support criminal law!!

I live in rural Pungo and this new ordinance will help us a bunch. It should be passed. I would still like to be present on June 28th. Be inform.

---

I support this ordinance wholeheartedly! Please at least pass this ordinance - or better yet one that covers daytime hours as well. People deserve peace and quiet.

6/13/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

As a person with Misophonia, I support this WHOLE HEARTEDLY. I only wish it applies to bass from cars in the street. The vibration and pressure is acutely disturbing to me and others. I don't think I need to repeat the concerns of others to make that point.

6/13/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

Support these changes. Thank you!

6/12/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

I agree with the changes.

6/11/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

Should be 25 feet; not 50

6/10/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

Please move forward with this. 7 families in our neighborhood get rattled awake at 5:00 am every morning by the new neighbors after market exhaust system. Currently there is not much the police department can do to help after the inconsiderate neighbor declines to care about his neighbors making him aware of the problem.

6/10/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

There is already noise ordinances in place. I do not see any reason for changes. These ordinances only add to the police work load, increase police workload and anti police sentiments.

6/10/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

Agree with the proposed changes. The kicker will be the enforcement of these changes.

6/7/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

If the police will enforce anything that will be the sad reality

6/7/2022

---

My husband and I have lived in Virginia Beach for a very long time. My father was stationed here in 1976, my husband since 1981 in the navy. We raised our three sons across from military facility off Birdneck and general booth. We moved from military housing to Ocean Lakes then we purchased our first home here between Newtown Rd and Witchduck Rd. The noise in our neighborhood has been the worst we have ever experienced. Police do not respond from fireworks on three streets surrounding us. The motorcycles ripping down and around many streets. Occasional gun shots. The noise from the highway is horrible. Our lives are solely destroyed from the Ptsd we both have. Noise from fireworks shooting towards and over our home is the worst. Fourth of July used to be a celebration now it is a nightmare. We have neighbors all over that shoot them off. Coventry, Uppersville, are the absolute worst. We have motorcycles in several homes with three or more in their garages they rip down and up streets. Down by Leesburg they spin tires around and around burning rubber. We have people behind us that have huge pool parties, they play music but their parties end before dark. They are just enjoying their pool we tolerate those neighbors enjoying their music they do not blast bass which does not interfere with us enjoying our life with windows shut. Every Fourth of July we experience huge firework displays over our home way in to the early morning. There is no ordinance we have see here enforced or taken seriously. So many of us suck it up praying one day we can afford to leave this area. Best of luck as we have lost faith in any person ability to care or enforce our issues. They fall on deaf ears. Sincerely, Mullins Family

6/6/2022

4 Agree

---

Daytime should also be included. I have a neighbor three houses down who blaers his talk radio. I can hear it inside my home. Please consider including daytime hours.

6/5/2022

4 Agree

---

Fully support this change. I do question how one proves this nuisance if an officer is not able to be witness to the situation. Does this too apply to businesses that are butted up against residential areas?

6/3/2022

4 Agree

---

Where did you get your daytime standard of exceeding 65dBA? It is barely above normal conversation levels and excludes laughter!! People cant laugh? They cant run dishwasher, dry their hair, vaccum? Are you nuts? Where did you get this standard? You are being unrealistic and illegally intruding on people's use of their property for which they paid \$\$\$\$\$. See:

loudness of sounds is measured in decibels (dB).

...

Decibels Explained.

Decibel Level Source

50-65 dB Normal conversation

60-65 dB Laughter

70 dB Vacuum cleaner, hair dryer

75 dB Dishwasher

7 more rows

Decibels Explained | TLC Electrical

5/31/2022

4 Agree

---

There is a huge problem with "custom"/"enhanced", awfully loud car mufflers. This type of modifications must be banned, and owners of such vehicles, and businesses offering this service must be fined. I understand that emergency vehicles will be making noise - you can't escape that, but jets should not be flying after 10 pm. Please, approve this ordinance. Remember, this is not just a quality of life issue. It is a health issue as noise can affect your health/well-being. I never understood people who state. "We love jet noise". Really?

5/31/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

No changes need to be made!

5/31/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

Keep the same. Don't change.

5/30/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

I suppose this proposal, but also think we need to do more to quell traffic noise in neighborhoods.

5/29/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

Enforcement how? The Police force is down 80 to 100 officers so how will this noise ordinance change be enforced?

5/28/2022

⊕ 4 Agree

---

Many people amplify their music while sitting on the beach-it clearly affects those around them that are trying to relax, rest, read, or plain may not just like their type of music-for this it is important to have a noise ordinance for music during the day also. But it needs to be common sense rules and measurements- i.e. if you can hear your music "X" amount of feet from your music box then it is too loud... Rather than just stating the number in decibels (dB).

6/30/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

I believe that the noise ordinance needs to be updated as my neighbors like to party at all hours, front yard, back yard with public display of drinking with loud music, yelling and howling like they were out in the country with no one else around them. Many times I've called to complain and was told by officers that they couldn't do anything but tell them to quiet down because they don't have or carry the equipment to determine the loudness. So time after time I've been awakened in the middle of the night and had to call police. I also believe in residential areas there should be restrictions at any hour to offer quit time for first responders (Police, Fireman, Doctors and Nurses who may have to sleep during the day.

6/28/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

We support the proposed changes. Residents shouldn't have to use cumbersome noise metering equipment to determine if their living space is being invaded and disrupted by someone's loud obnoxious noise - whether it's music, parties, construction equipment, vehicles (and mufflers), etc. 10pm is a reasonable time.

6/28/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

Anyone with kids that play outside may be subject to civil and criminal penalties. WTH VB?

6/27/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

We dont need any more restrictions or laws passed on this. Stop passing laws that infringe on peoples lives. If someone has a complaint, let them file a complaint as they have always had the ability to do.

6/26/2022

👍 3 Agree

---

The time that the ordinance applies needs to be 24 hours a day. Not everyone has the same schedule, some work nights, sleep days. Also being able to enjoy quiet should not just be during night hours.

6/24/2022

👍 3 Agree

---

Add daytime hours for jerks who play music at horrible volumes, waking napping children. I do NOT need to hear Black Sabbath while you hose your boat off! THAT IS WHAT HEADPHONES ARE FOR

6/23/2022

👍 3 Agree

---

I support these ordinance amendments wholeheartedly. I would love for my neighbors to just be considerate of each other without the need for ordinances, but that seems to be getting more and more rare. I saw that vehicle horns were mentioned in the amended ordinance, but unless I missed it, I didn't see any reference to vehicle engine noise. In the last 5-8 years there seems to have been a significant increase in extremely loud car and motorcycle engines around the city. On big city streets and the interstate it's annoying, but I get it, but in residential neighborhoods, you should not be permitted to light up your crotch-rocket at 4:30 in the morning and let it "warm up" for 30 minutes before ripping through the neighborhood like you think you're Maverick. It's rude, and it effects everyone around you.

6/22/2022

👍 3 Agree

---

I think the noise ordinance should begin at 9pm versus 10 pm. There are so many rude and inconsiderate people in Virginia Beach.

6/22/2022

👍 3 Agree

---

I think that's good. Obviously as a parent I hope it wouldn't be applied to regular noises like kids playing but if it's loud music etc I'm all for a little more peace and quiet.

6/21/2022

👍 3 Agree

---

I honestly think we should stop wasting time and money on nit-picking things like this. There is a clear ordinance already in place. The problem? Not enforcing it. Using money to fund a new ordinance does what if it will continue to not be enforced? Let's stay the course. Enforce the rules we already have in place. Focus on enforcement. Re-evaluate in a year or two to see if the increase in enforcement changes the behaviors. Adding laws on top of laws does nothing if they aren't followed through with. Focus on things we can actively change by putting in the work versus throwing more money at it!

6/21/2022

👍 3 Agree

---

We're striving to be an active tourist town, so making a noise ordinance at a simply audible level beginning at 10pm is contrary to that goal. If we want people to come from other places to be entertained or even if we want locals to go to concerts, 10pm is too early for a simply audible level.

6/21/2022

👍 3 Agree

---

I support this. I feel I almost dread coming home on a day with nice weather because my neighbor's music will likely be playing and it's loud enough to hear inside with the windows closed and over other sounds (TV, washer, etc). It's insane to people cannot think of others.

6/20/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

Music routinely plays from my neighbors home (it's playing as I type this). He clearly has no issue with it and seems to think any volume at any time of day is perfectly fine. I have spoken to him several times to no avail. The police were called at one point and nothing happened. Hopefully something is done with these new proposed ordinances. The changes make sense and would be greatly beneficial to those with the constant music problems. I can't afford to move, our houses are side by side, and the person who blasts the music has no issue with it. I can hear it in my house over regular, everyday noise. It's a shame because this would be a great neighborhood otherwise. Please, let's get this worked out.

6/18/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

I implore you to pass and ENFORCE this. Do you have any idea what no sleep for months, and months can do to a person?

Without going into detail, twice I have experienced this situation left unresolved for over a year, the outcome both times (different states) led to violence.

Take these comments seriously please....

6/13/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

No changes needed. We all choose to live in a city. It may be an irritant but it doesn't hurt us. Our over worked and underpaid law enforcement have enough to do. Let's let them concentrate on activities far more important than noise.

6/13/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

I agree with the ordinance but it should be for all areas of Virginia Beach especially in neighborhoods that have 7-11 's in the neighborhood

I do support this change

6/13/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

enhanced mufflers is a big disturbance in my fairly quiet neighborhood. and dogs barking at all hours 20 ft from my condo with their owners standing next to dog, but no word or gesture to shut dog up. inconsiderate people need these restrictions! i support the changes!

6/11/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

altered mufflers are a huge disturbance in our somewhat quiet neighborhood in spence crossing. please do more to enforce the removal of and with larger fines. i hear one neighbor come and go, all hours. and it is jarring and unacceptable! i should NOT hear a muffler through my walls a block away, let alone as she/he drives by. please do something

6/11/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

This should include jets. Otherwise its a sham. We already have noise ordinances at 11pm for the Amphitheater. There are music venues that play until 145am which will suffer if you pass this. Stop allowing a minority of folks rule the majority. Too much of that in this nation.

6/6/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

yes the city of va beach needs these changes,i am 66 years old and have hearing aids,had to move out of our house a year ago because the police could not do anything with the noise,and moved to kempsville to a better neighborhood and still have problems with noise, so its a citywide problem weather its rap, country, or etc music your should be able to live in va beach in peace and tranquility, we hear music comming from nighbors 24 hrs a day,sometimes its lower in the day but still playing, sometimes the house foundation and windows vibrates from the music,at night i take my hearing aids out at night and have to take medicine to help me sleep from the noise.if you can't live in peace and tranquility in va beach we are going to have to consider moving to another city or state.

6/6/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

Changes to the current noise ordinance is certainly needed. The blare of motorcycles, cars with modified mufflers and cars with loud, pounding sound systems, is unacceptable. This is especially true on 22nd street where cars and motorcycles race to beat the traffic lights as they exit the resort area. And, this is not only from 10:00pm-7:00am, but all during the night and daylight hours, as well. This ongoing intrusion is not only imposed on VB residents, but on all who come to visit our city. This has also become a serious safety concern noting the numerous accidents on 21st and 22nd streets. Changes are needed.

6/6/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

I think this is a good idea providing it can be enforced. In addition, please add vehicle mufflers (or lack thereof) to these proposals. Tha noise is deafening.

6/4/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

Please make the bar "Starz" on Bonney Road turn down their music! 7 days a week they are VERY loud and do so each early morning until 2am! This is very inconsiderate to all of us living directly across the street at Runaway Bay Apts!

5/31/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

Does this address the numerous loud cars and motorcycles that cruise shore drive at all hours of the day and night?

5/28/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

I live in Sandbridge, and during the tourists' season there would be dozens of violations here every night. I welcome some relief, but I just don't see the City enforcing that many violations, especially since they go out of their way to not "offend the tourists". I think a better solution is to ban the use of outdoor speakers at houses during those hours. Most of the noise problems come from those houses where the investor/owner decided it was a good idea to install outdoor speakers for the renters, or the renters brought their own boom box to play by the pool. Make it clear to the renters that they can't be used between 10pm and 7am.

5/28/2022

⊕ 3 Agree

---

I hope this can be enforced. I am so tired of fireworks and rocket launchers all during the week and its not even the holiday. These people start shooting them off at 10pm during the week on random nights. It would be nice if people thought about their neighbors who go to work and get up early or small babies in bed already. So PLEASE do something about this!!! I know Im not the only one who feels this way.

6/29/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

We are 17-year residents of VB and typically all is well in our neighborhood. Recently we had a new family, and they play music on their back deck and my sound meter app often hits 85DB. The term plainly audible is needed to allow for intervention during daytime. We certainly would not have a concern if this was a one-off party, but our neighbors are a ever weekend event and now is moving to early evening with the non-stop loud music. We even like the music they play but at the volume level it is overbearing. We need a method to get assistance from the city services. In today's world we would not knock on another door to tell them they are playing music too loud. The current need for high-tech equipment is not working and we need an adjustment to the noise ordinance. Please make this happen!

6/29/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

I am happy that the decibel meter would be replaced by the plainly audible sound. Thanks!

6/28/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

I fully support the proposed changes to the noise ordinance. Every resident in this city should have a right to peaceful enjoyment of their properties without being disturbed by a neighbor's loud music, loud parties, etc. It is a burden to have to deal with nuisance and annoyances by disrespectful neighbors. For the past several years, we've had to put up with obnoxious nuisance and annoyance noise and excessive parties by a neighbor who refuses to be courteous to other residents in their vicinity. We're sick of it. It's rude and disrespectful of others. If you want to continually use your residence as an event venue and crank your outdoor speakers, move somewhere out in Pungo where you can keep it to yourself and not bother other people. Enforcement is needed. Anything later than 10pm is too late. Pass this ordinance!

6/28/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

Move to Pungo if you don't like noise.

7/4/2022

---

changes should be for only 10 pm to 7 am.

6/28/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

We don't have enough police officer's as it is! Now you wanna give them something else to enforce that their hearts not gonna be into when they could be using their time and skills to do something that really matters personally I am very thankful for their service and I know it is difficult and most of the time not appreciated!?! Enough whining please!

6/28/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

I'm 75 years old and I appreciate what happens around me every day and I absorb it! I learned for a minute and appreciate being alive. It makes me feel sad what is happening to this city . Stop worrying about everything and give it to God!

6/28/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

The city of Virginia Beach has other things to worry about besides what puffed up people believe is an assault on their wants. If you don't like it here move somewhere else. Get out there and enjoy what's happening around you and appreciate it turn off the news the cell phone and get up and move.

6/28/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

Too much overreach here, I have lived here all my life I love jet noise. There's nothing wrong with music from 4 to 10 PM. If your bothered get it set ahead phones or stuff some cotton in your ears.

6/28/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

Strongly disagree with this.

6/28/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

I understand that the noise ordinance changes are needed; however, the changes should not be too drastic to the point that it came be weaponized by petty neighbors. Yes, it should be enforced especially during 10PM - 7AM. It should not be expanded into daytime hours . If so it can become a huge nuisance. As close as most neighborhood houses are in VB and since VB is constantly building apartment complexes, residents are more packed than ever. This means that every party and gathering will likely be heard by a neighbor and if they're petty and don't like the genre of music playing, they'll call the police. However, there are other noises that normally take place in neighborhoods during the daytime. If you're mowing your lawn, they can complain about the noise because they can't read or study. If you have any home improvement projects taking place or have a tree cut down in your yard, it can be a noise ordinance violation if the changes are too drastic. So while I agree that some changes are needed, we need to use common sense when making these changes.

6/28/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

This ordinance is too vague. Enforcing these rules will monopolize VBPD time and energy which would be better spent insuring the safety of our citizens and guests.

6/28/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

I visit VA Beach once a year there is so many other things going on in this world for to be complaining about noise.i understand if it is 11at night till 5am .

6/28/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

10Pm is too late. I appreciate the new clearly audible piece but 8pm or 9pm is so much better for those who good to bed early, children and adults. We have a local band that practices in the neighbor in the driveway or in the open garage at levels suited for concert venues. They will go for 2-4 hours at a time and say they are not illegal. I agree, just rude. They get upset when asked to PLEASE turn it down.

6/28/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

I think the time for noise ordinance should be later than 10pm. 11 pm seems more reasonable. You can't regulate how people have fun in their own yard. Everyone lives so close to each other that you can hear EVERYTHING ABOVE A WHISPER. Let's not lose site of common sense. I'm not saying set off fireworks every night. But I am saying having a party or cookout shouldn't be a criminal offense.

6/27/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

There seems to be no mention of health education with respect to excessive noise. People with loud motorcycles, people blasting music, very loud construction noise, etc, etc, can damage human hearing. If more people know about how damaging loud noise can have on their hearing, they would chill out a lot more. In other words, I would get the health department and others involved in educating residents and visitors about the dangers of loud noise exposure.

6/27/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

How will this be enforced against vacationers? More rules to drive tourists away?

Again, very hard to enforce. Why can't we just enforce the current ordinance?

This speech started with how unenforceable an ordinance is with having to use a meter to determine dBA level and requiring a person specially trained to use a dBA meter to come to scene in addition to police officers.

6/27/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

This is a much needed ordinance and I fully support its immediate implementation. Blasting music and just making noise should not have to be tolerated. Everyone deserves to have quiet enjoyment be it at home, in a parking lot, on the boardwalk, park, etc. This will make Va. Beach better.

6/26/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

Car and motorcycle exhausts, especially those that sound like gun fire heard from a mile away.

6/22/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

Please position police at the 9th st parking garage starting at 10pm until 2am and you'll make plenty of citations. We live in the condos next store and receive several complaints from residents - it's awful

6/22/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

Please do something about roaring cars racing down Ferrell Parkway -- those cars are obnoxiously loud and the drivers usually start revving their engines around 11:00 p.m. The noise keeps me awake at night and I live adjacent to Indian Lakes Elementary School. Please start arresting those drivers -- revving of engines is loud and the racing is dangerous.

6/21/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

support entirely

6/21/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

Opposed! Respondents, please read the full proposed ordinance (not just the bullet points provided here that are designed to elicit a positive response). Be very careful what you support - this new ordinance is subjective and you may find yourself on the receiving end of unwarranted complaints that in the aggregate can lead to huge fines and criminal penalties. Violations will include social gatherings of just 2 people who could simply be having a conversation in their own front yard that may be audible by a neighbor. Also please note that all City noises including concerts, park events, parades, and businesses with special permitting (including the amphitheater) are excluded from the ordinance.

6/21/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

I support these changes.

6/21/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

Fired up bar on harpers plays music till 2 am. We live 2 miles away and can hear it inside our house. Pass the noise ordinance!!!

6/21/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

I fully support changes which would increase penalties for noise violations.

6/21/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

There is nothing wrong with existing ordinance. What are you going to do about the new outdoor stage you allowed Murphys to build? What about the Amphitheater? Enforce the laws we have.

6/21/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

Good. Just make sure it is enforced.

6/21/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

What is to be done about the cars with vibrating bass. Being mobile shouldn't be a loophole to get around the noise ordinance.

6/13/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

This does not address extreme noise created by (for example) a loud band playing at a residence's backyard / pool party in celebration of an event (B-day, Memorial Day, etc.) . What recourse is there when the sounds are amplified to the point where they can be heard easily two blocks away, and YOU are the next-door neighbor? Suffer in silence until 2200? Production of sound that loud for an entire afternoon and evening is rude and inconsiderate. This change does not consider this situation that recently occurred in my neighborhood. (Mem Day). Neighbors weren't invited to the party which adds insult to injury.

6/13/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

These rules are only added good if they can be enforced. The problem is not enough officers and slow response time when the complaint comes in. We have neighbors who work on cars in their driveway who are constantly revving their engines because they are the loud show cars but nothing is ever done. And it has been known to go to 9:00 10:00 at night. But again noise ordinance can't get enforced if we don't have enough officers to get out there quickly.

6/13/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

This is also an issue in town center. I lived in a major city before I moved to VB and never had to deal with the issue of amplified sound like I do here. I've called the police and security multiple times with folks in the plaza playing amplified music well into the night. I would like to see enforcement start at 9 pm on weeknights, but I think 10 pm is reasonable on Friday and Saturday. I live in a high rise and can often hear them loud and clear many stories below. My building is fairly well insulated as well, so I know if I can hear them down in the plaza that it's way too loud.

6/10/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

The law says currently for Businesses, that the noise created from a business can be recorded from any adjacent property or the street, outside. Decibels of 65 or higher can be ticketed. So my question is 50 ft for businesses as well? Or is this just for residence? I am very much all for dropping the meter reading. It inhibits the police from doing their job for those of us who have to put up with this noise.

6/8/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

I'm tired of hearing dogs bark on the boardwalk. Let's ban dogs from the boardwalk 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year. My son who is small won't have to put his hands in dog pee in the sand.

6/8/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

Most dog owners are hypocrites. They don't like noise unless it's the sound of their dog barking. Let's lock up dog owners whose dog can be heard barking. I want quiet enjoyment of my home which includes not having to listen to my neighbor's dog barking for any reason.

6/8/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

I think we need noise ordinances for obvious reasons, but I do want to bring up an important factor that we should all think about as VB is growing and changing. I have worked with high school and college students in the region for the past decade. We work on career planning, and life skill preparedness. We have wonderful "kids" here, but just about 95% of the time that I ask the question, "how many of you would like to live here in Virginia as you get older?", there is a resounding "NO WAY!" from the youth. As a region, we know that much of our young workforce is leaving Hampton Roads for the following three regions- NorVA, Raleigh, and Richmond. These areas have more of a "city vibe" with later nights, local and artisan foods, and...more noise.

We're in a tough spot- on one hand, we want to be the 'family-friendly' vacation spot that has been successful for years; but, I believe that we should make some strides to embracing some more youth-focused livelihoods if we want to continue growing and not worry that our resident base and workforce is going to eventually age-out and cause real nightmares for our sustainability. This isn't a simple process, but we need to look at things like noise restrictions, and even how we as a region seem to characterize those people with loud cars, loud music, and loud lives. We can't demonize them for being kids, or, for being on vacation and having some fun. We have to remember what it was like to be that age, or to be away from home and letting go a bit.

I think we should really try to bring younger people into the conversation for planning our area. I attend meetings all the time and I'm usually one of the "young ones" at 43! Let's bring them into the fold and talk to them. Our area absolutely needs to keep its citizens safe and comfortable; but couldn't it also be possible to be fun, hip, and somewhat 'loud' at times? We should want to keep people- young, old, or even tourists- realizing that they have a pretty good life here, and maybe they want to stick around and make it even better?

6/7/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

It is about time for a commonsense noise pollution amendment. But does it go far enough? I live on a busy street and dozens of times per day my life is interrupted by very low frequency electrically amplified audio noise coming from passenger vehicles and light trucks. My house actually shakes and rattles when these vehicles pass by causing quite the disturbance in my house leading to a blood pressure increase. Fines should be greatly increased for these type of violators. Impounding the vehicle would be advised.

6/6/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

The racing over the Rudee Inlet Bridge with extreme muffler systems is awful. I don't even know how they pass inspection I think that a speed camera and decibel reader at top of bridge would help minimize the noise. The bridge was a known speed trap back in the 80's, so most did not take any chances. I wish it was known for that again

6/5/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

I am at this moment, Friday, May 28, 8:34 PM, in Apartment 208 of 27 Atlantic. At 26th and boardwalk a kid has been screaming all afternoon on an amplifier. This happens every weekend now that the weather is good. My heart bleeds for those persons staying at hotels within a block on either side of 26th and the Boardwalk.

At the RBCL meeting last Monday night the subject of loud music and other disturbances on the Boardwalk came up. And it was said that Council is working on a new noise ordinance.

Under the First Amendment everyone is guaranteed free speech. But I don't think amplified free speech is guaranteed. Can't an ordinance be written that only acoustical music and speech is allowed on the boardwalk? No amplifiers of any kind, including bull horns, would be allowed. Exceptions would only be for city sponsored events, like Neptune Park, 24th street, 17th street, etc.

Thank you.

Evan Jackson  
510 26th Street  
757-428-8975  
evanjva1@att.net

6/5/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

Living at Pacific South Condos, I can tell you that the noise is often accompanied by speeding. Can the south stretch of Pacific Avenue become a "speed trap" to decrease the benefits of loud mufflers/engines?

Kathryn Moran

6/5/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

My concern is with the cars, trucks and motorcycles that are adapted by the owners to be very loud. The noise from vehicles on Great Neck Rd and Shore Drive are ridiculous, and those roads are heavily used and are surrounded by neighborhoods. They also have to go home some time and I'm sure their neighbors are unappreciative of the noise. Virginia Beach keeps increasing density in housing, so we have alot more traffic than 10 years ago. Interestingly, the city itself installed the "welcome" flags at tourist entrance points in the city. The flags at the top of the Great Neck bridge were poorly placed, as they are obviously subject to higher winds at their higher elevation. I live near them and when winds get high it sounds like helos landing. I can hear them from both inside and outside my home. The city finally started removing them at certain wind speeds, but the wind speed needs to be significantly lower or those particular flags should be removed. That they serve no purpose, and are barely visible to tourists anyway, make it even worse that my comfort in my own home is significantly decreased on windy days. I'd like to see the sound meter applied to those.

6/4/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

I agree with the post about noise coming from music on the stages near the boardwalk. I live five blocks west of Atlantic Avenue and when bands are playing on those stages, I can hear every word of every song that is playing when I am sitting on my porch. Noise that is traveling that far is just too loud.

6/4/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

No point in a Noise Ordinance if the Police Dept is busy with towing the cars out of the city parking lots after a certain time instead of enforcing noise rules or other city & state laws.

6/4/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

Vehicles driving down I-264 make audible noise from more than 50 feet away if you're outside. As do waves crashing on the beach. This proposed change is absurdly vague. Did the city not learn its lesson in 2009 when the Supreme Court of Virginia struck down the noise ordinance for being "unconstitutionally vague"?

As someone who lives in a townhome (not at the oceanfront, by the way) with an obnoxious neighbor who blasts music and bass into my home throughout the day, I am all for a change in the noise ordinance, but this doesn't help anyone and will likely get struck down. Again.

Here's a tip for city council: view the noise ordinance for Loudon County, Virginia. Then, copy and paste it. You're welcome.

6/3/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

My neighbor's HVAC unit makes "simply audible" noise from over 50' away. Is that a noise violation?

6/3/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

Please enforce golf courses who blow using loud gas blowers well before 7am.

6/3/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

I am not clear how the plainly audible standard during the daytime with the specified decibel level compares to normal speech. I suggest you need to specify that in order to have a rational conversation about the proposal. Will you? Is that standard such that a person cannot have a normal level conversation in their own condo without being found in violation? I think this needs to be clarified. If this ordinance does not allow normal conversation level talk in a person's own home it seems unfair and not in keeping with the objective of the proposal.

A second point seems to be the absurdity of police measurement. As I read the proposal, in a hypothetical scenario I would call and complain to the police. By the time the police come to verify my complaint, the noise could be gone. So what is the point? It creates a significant and frustrating burden on the police without any effective measure to limit adverse noise impact. please address this point/issue.

5/31/2022

⊕ 2 Agree

---

I am a resident with 3 small children in a neighborhood one mile from the oceanfront. The noise level from the oceanfront can be heard all over my house. We can hear concerts loudly and any other outdoor performances that go on after hours. Along with this issue, we know that there is tons of activity down on the boardwalk area that causes major disturbances that the police have to respond to. Sometimes we feel that we hear sirens all night. Very thankful for our city police! Curious if there's anything we can do to cut down the activities at the oceanfront that are loud and possibly causing suspicious activities.

7/7/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

I fully support the changes to the noise ordinance. The current noise ordinance is useless. We can hear the bass from music from Central 111 and the instructors on the microphone at RockBox Fitness, both on Great Neck behind our condo complex. We've made multiple attempts to reach out to owners and Breeden who manages the plaza. Because they aren't breaking the current ordinance they won't change anything and all the police can do is ask them to turn down the music- which is obviously a waste of everyone's time. For the peace and sanity of VB residents it's time to make this change

7/7/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I agree with and support the proposed changes.

7/6/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I would like the ordinance to be during the daytime and night time as well. Shouldn't have to hear a gym at 530 in the morning.

7/6/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I support the proposed change

7/6/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I have had repeat offenders next door for almost a year. Almost every weekend. My bedroom wall vibrates from a speaker that must be up against my wall. This is taking a toll on my health. I have called NE a few times but nothing stops them.

7/2/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Could we also propose an ordinance for light pollution? It is getting out of hand in certain neighborhoods where driveways and homes have a ridiculous amount of lights at their driveway entrance, along their driveways and numerous floodlights that not only trespass onto neighbors yards/homes it also disturbs wildlife. It's like living next to a Walgreen's in certain residential areas!

7/2/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

The noise from amplified music coming from businesses along Atlantic Avenue between 17-19 Streets is getting worse. It creates an incendiary environment and is not family friendly at all. The city needs to enforce laws and stop the mayhem!

7/1/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I support the changes. We have had to call the police on several occasions because of our inconsiderate neighbor. She is in her yard at all hours with speakers facing our home. If there was actually a consequence for this behavior, it might curb it.

7/1/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Let's do something about neighbors blarring loud music from outdoor speakers day and night.

7/1/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I support changes!!

7/1/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Commercial fireworks are against the law- yet the year-round residents of Red Mill and Sandbridge, Lagomar have to live with visitors breaking the law every summer. Is it against the law or not? I don't mind legal fireworks but at 10 pm they should stop firing them off on any given night in the summer. Most dogs can't handle it, babies can't sleep through it- it wakes people up and can go on until 1 am. Start with curbing the late night commercial fireworks.....

6/30/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

How will and can this ordinance protect those living in apartment communities where property managers fail to enforce written bilaws in the lease? I feel like if the property managers will do nothing and repeated calls to after hours security does nothing, then what are my options to reclaim some quality of life?

6/30/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Something needs to be done about the cars with the "glass tailpipes", extremely loud exhaust systems. They noise level produced is deafening and quite frankly a safety hazard.

6/30/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Sounds great to me. When can it start!!

6/29/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

What happened to neighbors talking to neighbors? How about an "ask nicely first" rule before we spend valuable police time handling noises? Some people want someone else (the government) to do everything. Let's start putting responsibilities back on the people.

6/29/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Can this include cars driving around with bass so loud it vibrates windows of houses? I can literally hear them a mile away. And then they'll park and everyone for blocks around have to listen to thumps booms and vibrations for however long they feel like sitting there. It's ridiculous.

6/29/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

City Council can't be serious. Jet noise is heard all times of the day and evening. I've lived here 60 years and it is the sound of freedom. Police, Fire Dept and EMS units generate high dBa but those are the sounds of Public Safety. We live in a diverse and populated area, a metro size city with traffic and all that goes with it. We simply have to put up with a certain amount of noise. A change in the ordinance will create more issues for the police when they are already understaffed. So a big NO to an ordinance change.

6/29/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

We live in a city that allows diesel vehicles to "coal roll" cyclists. We Live in a city that doesn't care people throw thumbtacks on the roads on Shore Drive and Great Neck road so that cyclists (tax-paying members of this community) get flats which put them at risk of losing control and veering into traffic. We live in a city that is okay with noise as long as it is the sound of gunfire which can be heard late at night in many of our neighborhoods. We live in a city that is okay with jet noise that goes on well past 10 PM. Now you want me to live in a city that is threatening to fine me if my TV is too loud?; what if my kids laugh too much while the windows are open?; If the guy who happens to own a Harley with a loud (to you) exhaust and uses that bike to commute to their job that doesn't get home until 11 PM while trying to feed his family happens to live near someone who is "disturbed" by the sound? How about this? How about we all just try to remember what most of our parents taught us. Be courteous to your neighbor, Treat others the way you want to be treated. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

If none of that works tell me how we are going to police this? If those kids that are playing their music too loud are yelled at by a neighbor who is unhappy about the noise, can they file a cross-complaint?

All that said, if the city takes all the money from all the fines they will write and uses it to hire and properly train more police so that I don't have to live in fear that my wife won't survive a trip to the grocery store or my child won't survive a day in grammar school or that I won't make it home from work then I am going to turn the volume up to 10 because paying that fine will be well worth it.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Maybe amend to have one warning per address within a one month period before imposing a civil fine.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Can anything be done about the level of noise coming from cars and motorcycles? I can't believe that they even are equipped with a muffler. Please help.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I'm with you on this, it shouldn't even be sold that way. To bad it's not part of a state inspection

6/30/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I disagree with the decibel levels between the hours of 7AM and 10PM. 60 decibels is not too loud for daytime. No problem with 10PM and 7:00AM

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Egregious overreach of government. Enforce the law currently on the books. Stop making new laws to replace existing laws not being enforced. This will no doubt be challenged in Court and be struck down, yet again, as vague and in violation of the First Amendment.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

The ordinance is fine as is, we do not need any additional regulations.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Law enforcement does not have the man power or time to deal with these overreaching matters. Talk to your neighbors. Use your best judgement and let them know ahead of time if planning an event at your home.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Living in a city known for its "sound of freedom" overhead and its swell each summer of vacationers, our noise levels can be breath taking. Noise ordinances need their place to allow for orderly and fair enforcement. My only real concern is the grouping of any and all noise being reported by the fun scrooges against their neighbors. EVERYONE at times kicks their heels up and yells at the moon. The good neighbor should continue to follow the golden rule: Live and let live. As our city grows and becomes denser, this will only get harder, thusly the ordinance needs to be revised in writing.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Straight Forward Common Sense: 1) How in the world do you think it would be ok to call 911 on a vehicle making too much noise. Isn't 911 for REAL EMERGENCIES? Stop crying about vehicle noise, WE LIVE IN A CITY! 2) Re: Residential noise needs to bounce back to common sense & regard for your neighbors. A 10pm curfew is a reasonable request to start quieting down. Unfortunately, most folks these days don't seem to have common sense or regard for others & I blame society/gov't on the whole for this mess. 3) Dogs Barking...REALLY! They're animals; what would you have the owners do, remove their vocal cords? Now, if the dog/animal is under distress, then by all means call for help, otherwise...MIND YOUR BUSINESS! 4) Oceanfront: it's NOT A RETREAT...don't come back if you are looking for quiet. In Conclusion: Whoever this person is that's proposing these RIDICULOUS GUIDELINES should move to the country side. Once again, the police & courts are getting tied up with ridiculous proposals/arrests. You're constantly demanding \$\$\$ for one thing or another, which really only ends up in the pockets of thieving City/Gov't members. I did love how Aaron Rouse asked questions on the side of how ridiculous this all really is, he made a lot of sense. YOU'RE ALL RIDICULOUS WITH ANY OF THESE PROPOSALS & YOU NEED TO GET A LIFE BEYOND WORRYING WHAT EVERYONE IS DOING, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING VEHICLES.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

While I understand the changes being made will help with excessive noise at night the broad definitions seem to restrict basic living. The house next to a park will most definitely hear children playing, kids playing in their backyard will most definitely be heard 100 ft away, sitting on your deck eating dinner with friends, having a normal conversation will be heard 100ft away. How are you going to address these types of complaints?

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I'd rather kids be outside and being kids than staying inside staring a tv to become a robot. WAKE UP. Kids need outdoor play to survive and thrive.

It's not about the music, you're taking away a child's ability to have fun outdoors.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

To some degree I believe that some point noise should be at a level not disturb one's neighbors. However, there those among us who will not exercise common courtesy who must do so by force .

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

No thanks

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Times should be extended, IMHO, to all the time. I shouldn't have to listen to thumping/vibrations on the earth from someone's car radio when they drive through the neighborhood or down General Booth Blvd when I'm inside my home.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Daytime hours is ridiculous! 10p-7a I fully support.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I am in favor of the new ordinance, but I am concerned that 50' may be too close of a distance to identify a violation of noise ordinance. This could easily be violated by someone talking on their phone outside their home. I believe this needs to be extended to at least 100' or even 300'. Thank you, Fred Brandell, 3024 Sand Bend Road.

6/27/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Dog owners that complain about noise are hypocrites. Dog barking is noise pollution and happens all day every day. It's usually some bored crabby old lady complaining about noise while her dog is barking. Total hypocrite.

6/27/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

There seems to be no mention of health education with respect to excessive noise. People with loud motorcycles, people blasting music, very loud construction noise, etc, etc, can damage human hearing. If more people know about how damaging loud noise can have on their hearing, there would chill out a lot more. In other words, I would get the health department and others involved in educating residents and visitors about the dangers of loud noise exposure.

6/27/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

There should be NO criminal penalties.

6/27/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

The noise that's a problem is the loud jets every second flying over our homes. That's the only noise that needs to STOP. If you are referring to people's homes knock it off.

6/27/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Rosemary Wilson made an excellent comment on vehicle noise violations. This is a huge problem in Sandbridge.

6/27/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I would like to see enforcement of the noise laws on loud mufflers/exhaust systems on motorcycles and the "tuner" cars. I can hear them racing on Independence Blvd at all hours, even though I live more than half a mile from that road. I pity the people who live right next to Independence. Not so long ago you would fail the annual state inspection if your exhaust system was too loud. What has happened?

6/27/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Have daytime restrictions on noise and noise coming from cars music or loud car. Noise restrictions on barking dogs.

6/27/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Sure would be great if they started with neighborhoods who have actively called for the City to help with noise on Northampton Blvd. The noise definitely exceeds current levels at schools and is at the limit for residential areas. Hope they sent up a sound meter during the listed hours to capture all the truck engine braking in the middle of the night. Or the racing. Some focus on existing, long time citizens concerns, rather than the singular focus on the Oceanfront would be appreciated.

6/27/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I hope this also applies to people blasting their stereos in their car. In response, offended, peaceful citizens should be able to hit them with a paintball RPG.

6/26/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Town Center is a playground for modified vehicle exhausts (cars & motorcycles) that can be hear for MILES, because of the way the sound is amplified between buildings along the right of way. This is especially disruptive to sleep, when the drunks get on/in their vehilce after stumbling out of Keagan's. They max rev down Market St. We should be slapping these inconsiderate motorists with hefty fines, not to mention likely DUI charges.

6/26/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

With this and similar behavioral code changes, they remain paper tigers with inadequate enforcement. Shame that civility and common courtesy is absent.

6/26/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Most affected are residents of townhouses, where each family/household is practically next to each other because the walls separating each townhouse is so thin, only made of drywall or plywood and not much insulation. Thus you can hear your neighbor get our of bed, go up or down the staircase, run his washing machine, even the sound of music from his small radio. If the neighbor has a loud stereo speaker, my walls are trembling at each beat of the bass coming from the speaker...BOOM...BOOOM....BOOM.

Noise ordinance hours must be changed to start at 8pm to 7 am. (and NOT 10pm-7am). Prohibition start time of 10pm is too late since 10 pm is already deep into the night. Also, create/install a reporting system for violators, similar to 911.

6/25/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

When I stayed in the oceanfront last summer, there were what felt to me was drag races going on through the streets. We were on 10th street. This went on for several hours during late night (around 1am). It was difficult to sleep and very uncomfortable; I would not want to stay in that area again if that's a common occurrence.

6/24/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Can this also apply for vehicles so they are required to get mandatory mufflers and not allowing to blast music. Also why are so many houses on a main road in Virginia Beach with speed limits over 25 mph and no speed bumps in place so people just cut through neighborhoods z

6/24/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Something needs to be done about cards that have been augmented to blast noise while in use!

6/24/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Where are the survey questions? CVB, have you interest for nothing but free form comments?

6/24/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

How about we apply noise ordinance to motorcycles traveling with stereo so loud it can be heard by all.

6/24/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

Cars that backfire on purpose need to be clearly included in this. And there needs to be a way to report and have those with loud cars punished.

6/23/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

Should include dogs barking between 9a-7p

Who will enforce the codes? We are short on law officers already; With the increase in crime, they don't have time to enforce this stuff.

6/23/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

If the jets agree to not wake me up after 10pm and before 7pm then sure... this is a slippery slope to create tension at the strip as curfew is 11pm but you want to enforce a 10pm noise ordinance. In addition, many bars and clubs with outdoor sections have to worry about complaints more often - even if within dB levels. This also includes street performers who are using the most of the 11pm curfew and within levels, but "Karens" will harass these folks and institutions more often with wasted tax payer dollars when there are important issues in the city LE could use their time with.

6/22/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

The noise from illegal exhaust systems on cars and motorcycles isn't being enforced, why would we expect noise form homes to be enforced.

6/22/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

I would be on board with it as long as it means the jets from Oceana abide by it as well. Seems backwards to enforce a law on the citizens of a city and not the military presence living and practicing in the same city. It would be counter productive to tell someone to turn down their music while at the same time jets are rattled pictures off the walls in residents houses.

6/21/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

Yes please. Bucko resto bar on independence is extremely loud. And that stop light independence blvd and dahlia Dr late at night. Enforce the noise. I call but the police never hear the noise but the rest of us do.

6/21/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

They do not enforce the noise ordinance, how about actually making officers enforce it and writing tickets instead of parking nearby and leaving without knocking on anyones door or knocking on the door and asking them to turn it down and then leaving. The noise continues in both cases and the caller gets no conclusion. You can change it all day long, but if it's not enforced it's useless.

6/21/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

Dog barking is the biggest problem in my neighborhood.

6/20/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

This most harmful noise levels come from the jets let's make the noise ordinance apply to a no fly after 10pm six days a week and 5pm on Sunday.

6/17/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

The roar of souped- up cars on Laskin Road and environs into the early morning hours is very annoying. It's difficult for me to u derstNd why police are not enforcing noise and speed laws on our roads.

6/16/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

The changes certainly make sense, but I did not hear anything in the presentation regarding residential beaches, where boom boxes, loud movie screens, and fireworks can make normal conversation difficult (in and outside) for residents day and night.

6/16/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

Most of my home videos have my neighbor's dog barking in them. Can you please make the law tougher on dog barking?

6/15/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

Dogs bark. That's what they do. Humans talk, dogs bark. Excessive barking isn't called for, but just regular barking is what they do.

6/28/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

My friend kicked dog poop accidentally on the boardwalk tonight. Why do we allow dogs on the boardwalk?

6/14/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

How would you measure the prosecuting officer's ears during trial? Would us taxpayers be responsible to pay lost judgements? A machine as the current ordinance would be exact. What about the case where an officer works or worked in a night club to supplement income? His ears may not be as exact as a machine. This new ordinance sounds like some old angry dog loving ladies who can't or are unwilling to think.

6/14/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

How about instead of a new noise ordinance, an ordinance against career politicians. Let's make it where you can only be a politician in Virginia Beach for 8 years just like the presidency.

6/14/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

I'll bet a bunch of angry old lady dog owners are behind this. I'd rather hear rap music than some old lady's dog barking.

6/14/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

This should apply to jet noise.

6/10/2022

⊕ 1 Agree

---

I agree. Hit them with a civic fine, a judge doesn't have to issue. So they know the city isn't playing around. I think some areas of the city should follow a noise ordinance similar to that of the city of Palm Springs, California. But yes, make it easy for a resident to complain, not a bunch of hoops to jump through. With a strict penalty to ensure no repeat offenders.

6/10/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

We need nothing from California.

6/11/2022

---

This document is very good and thoughtful. It covers just about every situation. The City Attorney and staff did a great job in my opinion.

1. In the brief I watch the City attorney said the officer has to be trained on the device to measure sound and has to be approved. But in this document none of that is mentioned. I do not see why any police officer can't use their city cell phone with the OSHA approved APP. OSHA puts out an app for measurement of sound. Just for the purpose. It's free and every officer can have it downloaded on their cell phones. I am pretty sure it would be admissible in court. It's a sound level meter measurement device from OSHA. I have it. Unless this is an archaic state provision that should be changed with today's technology.

2. Sec. 23-65 line 130 addresses my concern with relation to businesses.

3. Line 226 addresses my concern since I live in an agricultural community.

4. I do not agree with line 377. It should not be a blanket exception if a permit is given. Take the case below where Blue Pete's a supposedly family restaurant receive a permit for amplified sound for an event. Blue Pete's is always too loud. I call and complain, but this is there out because of line 377 if they obtain a permit. Now this particular permit has provisions as most do. But what if the "NOISE COMPLAINT, was not part of the permit given for revocation/suspension of such permit. This section of the permit is typed in by the approving person. It won't be there every time a permit is granted. It's contradicting, and I believe a permit should not be grounds in itself for exception. That needs to be tweaked.

5. enforcement is an issue. The current ordinance is never enforced. Maybe that is because of the Measuring Device. But as I have spoken with officers when I have called, I feel it is their lack of knowledge and understanding. Businesses measurements are different than residential. The officer always say to me there is nothing they can do because they have to measure from inside my home ect.. That is not true with a business, as I have stated over, and over, again. I have taken measurement with the current law from my OSHA measurement device/app and it always far exceeds 65 decibels. The measurement can be taken from the road or any adjacent property outside. Sec. 23-72 in the current law. As many times as I have called it was never done.

5. Part of the enforcement problem is these permits are not posted as they are supposed to be and the responding officer's doesn't ask. In the case of Blue Pete's, they require a permit for their Weddings, outside live bands, any event which involves tents and selling of merchandise by vendors. A Class B Businesses. They have never applied, so no permit is posted and the officer's never ask when they show up. They assume it's ok. It's not.

I live in rural Pungo and this new ordinance will help us a bunch. It should be passed. I would still like to be present on June 28th. Be informed.

6/10/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I support this change! Hope it applies to the Veterans Amphitheater. We can hear it from over 2 miles away!

6/10/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I definitely support these changes as long as that means that the volume at the amphitheater will be reduced as to not be able to hear the noise from the concert as well. Obviously I'm not suggesting you play a concert at an obscenely low-volume but I'm sure that you can lower the base levels or something. I also have neighbors that are very inconsiderate and blast music and have parties quite often and I think that it would be good idea to have police patrolling neighborhoods so that individual citizens don't have to be responsible for calling the police on their neighbors. If you're going to put these things in place then you must actually follow through and enforce them.

6/9/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

So this will ban people shutting their car doors. I hear my neighbors car door shutting inside my house when they leave for work at 5AM. No more kids playing outside either. Who came up with this nonsense new ordinance?

6/8/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

It is too broad in interpretation and the police will be inundated with calls about: dog barking, someone's loud headphones while they're running, loud exhaust/car radio, people laughing outside, roosters, etc all easily heard from 50 ft away. No due process for civil violations seem to potentially infringe on citizen's 1st Amendment rights and may open the city up to future lawsuits.

6/7/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Does this cover shooting of guns in the southern part of the city? My neighbor fires off loud guns. I called the police, and the responding officer said my neighbor was within his rights. I disagree.

6/6/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

the only discharge of any weapon is all of VABCH is a .22 and smaller. And that is in the southern protection or the "green zone". Anyplace else any discharge of a firearm is prohibited. Along with the .22 restriction, they have to have so many acres, and can't shoot within 50 feet of any structures and within 10 feet of the road. So the officer was incorrect.

6/22/2022

---

I agree, bombs, fireworks, m80's and other fire arm noise that is not in a designated firing range should be illegal as well

6/7/2022

---

Changes to the current noise ordinance are definitely needed. The blare of car muffler and excessive sound system noises as well as the steady stream of motorcycles racing down 22nd and 21st streets is unacceptable. This is day and night, sometimes all through the night. It is not acceptable to the local residents and not welcoming to all those who are visiting our city. In addition, there is a serious safety concern as noted by the numerous accidents on 21st and 22nd streets. These proposed changes to the current noise ordinance are needed and necessary.

6/6/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

What good is any ordinance if it is not enforced? Seems these are in place only to add charges or an excuse to investigate into other larger charges should police choose to do so. Its not considered an emergency so there isnt even a phone number to call in for it until daytime office hours the next day. What good does that do?

6/4/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

You can call the non emergency line and the noise complaint line 24 hours a day.

6/5/2022

---

I also agree with the proposed changes. I happen to live on a busy road and there are times when my windows actually shake from the music that is blaring from cars. I know that would be hard to enforce, but there are plenty of times when you have to roll up your car windows when you're at a stop light and someone next to you thinks you need to hear what they are playing.....LOUDLY!

6/4/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

You can hear a person talking from 50' away.... is that a violation? This is ridiculous pandering to old NIMBYs. Recommend moving time from 10pm to midnight.

6/3/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Google 808 bass. Then look at it on a youtube video. It shakes your entire house and rattles all your pictures off the wall. The ordinance is for abusers not for normal everyday noise.

6/7/2022

👍 2 Agree

---

I support the change. In addition to the ordinance we also need to enforce the requirement that "performers" obtain a permit to entertain on the boardwalk. Having random entertainment for a few minutes is not bothersome at a low noise level, however, these performers are setting up for extended periods of time. And some are very young children hustling money which is somewhat concerning.

I would also support expanding the ordinance to vehicles.

6/3/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

This website says I have unanswered questions and when I click on the link nothing shows up.

6/1/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Whoever wrote the new ordinance is obviously a dog lover/owner. I would rather listen to music than a dog barking. The new ordinance seems as if a dog could bark all day everyday. My neighbors have loud dogs that bark at midnight, 3AM, 6AM, and during the day. They dump the dog in the back yard and are too lazy to walk it. I smell dog poop in my back yard because they are too lazy to pick up the dog poop.

6/1/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

I do not mind the buskers on the Boardwalk. It's the hotel guests who play loud and sometimes obscene music from their balconies and vehicles cruising down Atlantic and Pacific that bother me.

5/31/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Move away from the tourism.

6/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

Yes!

5/28/2022

👍 1 Agree

---

The Renaissance shopping center on Great Neck Road has the worst case of late noise due to the shady bars in that plaza. Great Neck Grove residents have been complaining for change in noise ordinances for over a decade. Please make this neighborhood more appealing to live and sleep soundly in!

7/7/2022

---

Noise from cars should be regulated. Many people blast music from cars when driving that is so loud other cars vibrate. This happens on vb blvd & other local streets. Also near apts in my neighborhood.

7/7/2022

---

No. Plainly audible is people speaking. Nor does the "plainly audible" verbiage take I to account acoustics or poorly, cheaply made housing complexes that landlords cut corners on to make an extra fast dollar. You need to SPECIFY decibel levels AND give examples of what those would commonly be. Daytime hours are not needed. Also, 7am is a little late and 10pm is a little early. The world does not all work 9-4 like the government. Make the hours 11pm-6am. Or if you want 8 hours of silence, 10pm-6am. I'm up at 5 every day to be AT work at 7am. So expecting me to not make a smoothie or have a conversation for fear of it being "plainly audible" and then having civil penalties against me is not a way to encourage common courtesies. Strict rules create more rule breakers. Lenient rules create compassion

7/7/2022

---

I live at the oceanfront and every night we hear tons of very loud motorcycles speeding. I'm not sure what makes them louder than normal, but I believe we are hearing them from I-264 and we are 1 mile. It sounds like they travel in multiples. We hear them all hours of the night.

7/7/2022

---

Should be 11PM through 6AM

7/6/2022

---

First of all, thank you for making these changes.

As far as the animal noise, we would recommend 10 minutes, non-consecutive. These changes would allow the police to count for 10 minutes, not 20. It is important to be non-consecutive because the animal may stop and start again a few minutes later. What good would a 20 minute requirement do if the animal makes noise for 10 minutes, then stops and restarts all throughout the day. This should be enforced 24/7 not just 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Regarding fireworks, our dog is traumatized every time fireworks go off, so we appreciate whatever you can do to stop this. Plus, we need to think about those that suffer from PTSD. Let's leave the fireworks to the professionals at schedule events.

Thank you again!

7/6/2022

---

Dog barking is louder than a person yelling. I don't think I could yell as loud as my neighbor's dog barks at 5AM. Why is it acceptable for a dog to bark at 5AM? Lazy hypocrite dog owners.

7/4/2022

---

I think the city has other problems that's more important than the Noise Ordinance we lost about \$20 million dollars to this region because one of the Top Entertainer and Producer in the world said our City was toxic we need to fix that type of noise.

7/3/2022

---

I don't really agree that the ordinance is written with enough specificity and if it's adopted as written may lead to unintended consequences. I also think \$250 for a first offense is too aggressive and leaves no wiggle room for the unintended consequences that will happen if this passes. For example, the nuisance neighbor (every neighborhood has one - not enough to do and angry at life) now has the ability to take an isolated incident ... and turn it into something it wasn't. No thanks!!!

7/2/2022

---

Loud cars and motorcycles are not exclusive to the oceanfront. Yet, so many comments and complaints are about racing AND noise. Both are issues that should be addressed and enforced. The priority should be to crack down on racing because too many people are killed and injured. There are known spots where it happens so why isn't it enforced? You can use cameras, speed traps, traffic equipment (signs, radar sensors, etc.) without dedicated manpower. If you can limit vehicle tint on windows you can limit aftermarket exhaust parts/systems via annual inspections.

The ordinance as written is too vague and subjective and can easily be used by problem or nuisance neighbors to do more harm than good. I think it's well intended but not well thought out. There are too many scenarios I can think of where it will have the opposite effect, and perhaps a small pilot in practice would glean better data instead of relying on individual experiences. Changes like this have far reaching impacts to the entire City - not just a singular residents subjective viewpoint. Who's looking at the changes from a holistic point of view? How does it impact apartment/condo communities vs. mixed-use area? Or neighborhoods that have elementary schools vs. colleges/universities? Shopping centers vs. malls?

Does it require a change in the construction or material used in multifamily residential units or the distance of setback requirements?

Most residents don't have enough information about sound decibel ratings, human hearing and noise pollution to be good neighbors let alone institute governing policy decisions for an entire city population, its businesses, and local, state and federal agencies in VB. Where is the opinion of any expert in this field?

I know it's a big election year, but when are we going to start making better decisions that are bipartisan, inclusive AND sustainable?

7/2/2022

---

It needs to be enforceable. Barking dogs are the bane of city living.

7/2/2022

---

This should include excessive use of leaf blowers. We have a neighbor that uses his constantly and then will periodically leave it in one place for over 20 minutes in order to use up all the gas for "maintenance".

7/2/2022

---

As usual 21st/22nd Street from Pacific to 264 seems to be forgotten. Not only is noise from music, mufflers, or large trucks going to fast but all cars leaving oceanfront on 22nd Street are not even close to speed limit with no action on these issues since March 20, 2020. It appears no answer from City Officials or solutions. Flowers on Pacific Avenue but no peaceful enjoyment in our homes.

6/30/2022

---

I do not agree. What issues will this cause for the ocean front? Live music, artist sharing their talent, what will become of them showing off to us?!?! If you want peace and quiet at the beach, go to another or early am. Music is what brings the boardwalk to life, don't ruin that!

6/29/2022

---

I am assuming that this Ordinance is an addition to the current Virginia Beach, VA Code of Ordinance since Sec. 23-63 does not exist. This is an addition and not a replacement of any of the current Code and Ordinances. Everything I am now commenting on is the June 28th Revised Version.

\*\*\* I pray we get the decibel readers quickly and train every officer if need be to use them. A problem that probably should have been fixed long ago. I am surprised it has not been identified or addressed before this.

Line 187 (B) Answers one of my questions.

Line 330 (B) is at odds with the current ordinance. Sec. 23-72 - Sound levels; Restaurant's. "No person shall permit, operate or cause any source of sound to create a sound level emanating from a restaurant during the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. in excess of eighty (80) dB(A), or between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in excess of seventy-five (75) dB(A) when measured from any public area including, but not limited to, any public street or sidewalks, or other private property.

I totally agree with lowering the dBA to 75 and 65, but maybe Sec. 23-72 should reflect that change as well.. Personally I like it to all change to 70 dBA and 65 dBA prospectively. Light has no affect on sound. Day or night, sound travels the same. There are many scientific studies done on this to prove it.

I disagree with line 473 (d) as it is written. I understand the need for this for parades, Holidays, ect... But it is very vague. This needs to be more specific and pointed. It's a blanket get out of it free and clear card for a Business like Blue Pete's a B1. They submit for a Special event Permit. They receive that permit for amplified sound, i.e. a band. B1 Business can have this. Under a B1 Business it is the only thing they can have. Nothing can be done if a complaint comes in? Does this wording mean even a Decibel reading will not happen, no Civil or Criminal if a complaint comes in for a Permitted Event? That is also at odds with Sec. 23-72 - Sound levels: Restaurants! Quoted above. This lowers the standard which is already law.

Mr. Stiles you have said that there is provision on the permit. That is correct of course but not the reality. I reference the Permits for Special Events I obtained through FOIA. this is the up coming weekend July 2nd 2022, at Blue Pete's Pungo Smash Event, (named after a drink) (this caused much problems to the community last year). To include traffic. It's a drunk festival. Line 15. REVOCATION/SUSPENSION: "This permit may result in immediate suspension or revocation by the police Department of SEAFO for any or all of the following: (1) Noise Complaints; (2) acts of disorderly conduct; (3) violation or disregard for any permit condition(s) or city services memo stipulations; (4) violation or fireguard of section 4-1 of the City Code; and/or (5) violation of any law or regulation.

This section is typed in by the person issuing the permit. It changes every time, dependent on the Event I suppose. I have called, and showed the officer the permit and what they MAY do as action. The hear what I hear and yea it's too loud. And to this day, nothing is done. I do not blame the officer(s). I blame the City for not having stronger support to the officers and the skewed process in which these permits are being granted. I am working with Mr., Chandler on this. This particular event permit should have not been granted in the first place. A B1 Business is forbidden to have off site parking. This applicant hides that, on purpose? Again I do not blame the officer(s), I would not enter a Business that has an event going on which is permitted by the City, in the middle of a crowd of 500 to 1,000 people attending and attempt to result this action. MOBS can get ugly very quickly, especially when there is heavy drinking. The reality of any police officer revocation/suspending a permit is very remote, in this situation. Well it has not happened to date. It is very dangerous for the Officers. My point is it is too late at this point and puts the one or two officer(s) at grave risk. That is the City's fault. This particular permit should not have been granted based on a B1 business. I have sent that to Mr. Chandler. There needs to be some type of Civil penalty first, second, third time. Then no more permits for such events for that Business. Something like that for instance. Same for CUP. I am no lawyer we pay you, quite well, to figure that out. A blanket get out free card will not help this situation or the police by putting them into a dangerous and maybe volatile situation. My thinking is the sole onus should not be on the citizenry, having to go to the magistrate but on the City Government we

thinking to the city and should not be on the citizenry, having to go to the magistrate but on the City Government we elect and pay. We all have a responsibility in this.

Line 492 (m) As I understand it a Condition Use Permit is a whole different process. "pursuant to the city zoning ordinance". should read or add, in Pursuant to the Virginia Beach, VA Code of Ordinances. Specifically Sec. 901. - Use regulations. I do not know the process for a CUP, prayerfully it will weed out, and protect the citizens. Again I am working with Mr. Chandler on this. It is all connected and needs to be addressed. It is the source of the loud noise that be eliminated before it even happens.

6/29/2022

---

Were is the June 28th revised version for review? Having Citizens walk into a "discussion" and torpedo them with a revised version before time to review is wrong and egregious. The processes is flawed, but I do agree with the new purposed ordnance. I do not agree with the process. WE have not had the opportunity to review. Mr. Moss if you want as you stated folks to give line by line comments, then you need to give us time to review. The meeting was all wrong....

6/29/2022

---

Most of the comments here are about residents living in houses and most of them are legitimate. However, this proposal can really have an negative and unfair impact on the VB residents living in apartments, condos, and townhouse. Especially since they are building so many new apartment / condo / townhouse complexes in VB nowadays. We know how thin the walls are in these complexes. With this proposal, common everyday noises can be considered a violation. If someone can hear their neighbor's TV, stereo, baby crying, hair dryer, phone conversation, and/or having sex, a petty neighbor can use this as a weapon against a neighbor they do not like.

6/28/2022

---

Notice how the details above to not include the daytime hour rules and enforcement.

6/27/2022

---

Different rules for different folks? Changing the rules of the game again when these were just established in September. Short Term Rentals have different rules in 241.2 (10) - which are we to use for our guests?

6/27/2022

---

It should ONLY be for vehicles.

6/27/2022

---

It'd be nice for all the motorcycles that sit at traffic lights revving their engines at all hours of day/night.

6/26/2022

---

This change is going to work. I think this is going to reduce noise across America.

6/26/2022

---

No.

6/26/2022

---

Makes sense especially for loud cars and trucks

6/25/2022

---

Does this include school busses parked on neighborhood streets with backup buzzers going off at 5:30 am ?

6/24/2022

---

The city attorney in that video looks like some good ole boy pick up truck driving dog lover. He probably hates rap music and the kind of people that listen to it.

6/14/2022

---

While riding my bike on the boardwalk tonight I had some angry dog barking at me. It bit my ankle and the old lady standing in the bike path with her two dogs cursed at me.

6/14/2022

---

Yasssss queen change it

6/13/2022

---

Let's make dog muzzles mandatory in the City of Virginia Beach. Why does a dog get to bark for 20 minutes? If a dog barking can be heard in another dwelling \$250 first offense, \$500 second offense and jail time after that. This new law does not seem fair. Expect the police to spend 20 minutes at my house on a regular basis if this passes.

6/8/2022

---

I dare someone to muzzle my dog. That's what they do! You talk, they bark.

6/28/2022

 2 Agree

---

Why so slack on dog barking? Is it because city council member is a dog owner?

6/7/2022

---

Seems reasonable in goal but likely to be very subjective in execution. Is this dealing with ALL types of noises ? How about lawn equipment ? How about the lovely screech of the wood cutting saw you can hear 1/2 mile away ? What about people with drum sets or electric guitars in there homes/garage ? To what degree are people going to be able to enjoy whatever the hell they want in their OWN HOME ?

5/31/2022

---