

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-23 -AMENDED**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING CODIFIED  
ORDINANCE 648.15 - NOISE**

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to create a new Noise Ordinance for the Codified Ordinances in order to supplement the existing noise regulation that is set forth in Ordinance 648.04 - Disorderly Conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has determined that a listing of various types of actions that create excessive noise will assist the police in the enforcement of excessive noise incidents and will also provide defined rules for the people of the City so that they know what type of noise conduct is prohibited.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mentor on the Lake, County of Lake and State of Ohio, as follows:**

Section 1. That Codified Ordinance 648.15 is adopted and enacted so that Ordinance 648.15 - Noise as enacted reads as follows:

**648.15 NOISE.**

(a) No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance or alarm to another by making, continuing or causing to be made within the City any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise, or noises of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to the life, health and comfort of any individual.

The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this section but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

(1) Human voices, music, recreational play or entertainment/amusement, noise from a television or other

electronic device, or incessant domesticated animal sounds to a level above which is considered reasonable and/or under circumstances where neighbors should reasonably expect peace and quiet.

(2) The sounding of any horn, bell or other signal or warning device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle, except as a danger or warning signal, but any such sounding of a horn, bell or other signal or warning device as a danger or warning signal shall not be unreasonably loud or harsh or continued for an unnecessary length of time.

(3) The use of any automobile, motorcycle or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in such manner as to create loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise. Audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the motor vehicle.

(4) The unreasonable discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle or motor boat engine.

(5) The use of any mechanical device operated by compressed air unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled and reduced.

(6) The use of any drum, loudspeaker or other instrument or device to create noise for the purpose of attracting attention to any performance, show or sale or display of merchandise, except where a specific permit therefor is granted by the Director of Public Safety.

(7) The making of any construction noises anywhere within the City between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day (weekdays); or between the hours of 9:00 pm and 8:00 am the following day (weekends and major holidays). This subsection shall not apply to noise created by emergency repairs authorized in writing by the City.

(8) The use of any motorized mechanical device to cut, edge or otherwise perform landscaping, gardening or similar functions, unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled

and reduced, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 am the following day (weekdays); or between the hours of 9:00 pm and 8:00 a.m. the following day (weekends and major holidays).

Section 2. That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting, and that all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty days after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.



ROBERT JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



DAVID R. EVA  
MAYOR

Dated: 12-10-2024

ADOPTED: 12-10-2024

ATTEST:   
Clerk of Council