



## NOISE

Excerpted from the *2001 Lower Nazareth Township Zoning Ordinance, Amended March 23, 2005, Article 16, Environmental Protection, Section 1611, Noise*

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### 1611. NOISE.

- A. No person shall operate or cause to be operated on private or public property any source of sound in such a manner as to create a sound level which exceeds the limits set forth in this Section in the following table, when measured at or within a lot-line of the receiving lot or district boundary:

**Sound Level Limits by Receiving Land Use and Time**

Receiving Land Use Category	Hours	Sound Level Limit
Residential or AG District or Lot Line of an Existing Dwelling or Hospital	1) 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. other than Sundays	68 dBA
	2) 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. plus all day Sundays and Federal holidays	61 dBA
Commercial and Commercial Recreation District	At all times	71 dBA
Industrial District*	At all times	75 dBA
*Temporary Use Exception: For noise generated by a permitted commercial or industrial use that only operates a maximum of 21 days in any calendar year.	between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.	75 dBA

Note- dBA means "A" weighted decibel.

The Township Board of Supervisors may require the placement of acoustical barriers, such as sound catching retaining walls, to assure compliance with the above sound level limits if the Supervisors are not satisfied that other methods of reducing sound levels proposed by the applicant will result in the required sound levels being attained.

- B. For any source of sound which emits a pure tone, the maximum sound level limits set forth in Section 1611.B. shall be reduced by 5 dBA.
- C. The maximum permissible sound level limits set forth in Section 1611.B. shall not apply to any of the following noise sources:
1. Sound needed to alert people about an emergency.

2. Repair or construction work to provide electricity, water or other public utilities between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., except for clearly emergency repairs which are not restricted by time.
3. Household power tools and lawnmowers between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
4. Construction operations (including the occasional use of blasting in construction) and repairs of public facilities (including sidewalks and streets) within the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. except for clearly emergency repairs which are not restricted by time.
5. Agricultural activities, including permitted animal husbandry, but not exempting a commercial kennel.
6. Motor vehicles traveling on State-owned streets.
7. Public celebrations, specifically authorized by the Board of Supervisors or a County, State or Federal Government agency or body.
8. Railroads and aircraft.
9. Un-amplified human voices.
10. Routine ringing of bells and chimes by a place of worship or municipal clock.

**One Example of Decibel Levels, obtained from Internet**

