

ORDINANCE # 15

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING UNREASONABLY LOUD
AND DISTURBING NOISES IN SCOTLAND COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCOTLAND COUNTY:

SECTION I

CREATION OF UNREASONABLY LOUD AND DISTURBING NOISES.

Subject to the provisions of this chapter, the creation of any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise in the County is hereby prohibited.

SECTION II

NOISE DETRIMENTAL TO LIFE, HEALTH.

Noise of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual is hereby prohibited.

SECTION III

ENUMERATION OF LOUD, DISTURBING AND UNNECESSARY NOISES; ENUMERATION NOT EXCLUSIVE.

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

(1) Sounding horns or signal devices. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or if in motion only as a danger signal; the creation by means of any such device or any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonably period of time.

(2) Radios, phonographs, etc. The playing of any radio, phonograph or any other musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., as to annoy or disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity.

(3) Pets. The keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity.

(4) Exhaust discharge. The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of stationary internal combustion engine, or motor vehicle, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.

(5) Noises near schools, hospitals, churches, etc. The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to the schools, institution of learning, library, sanitarium or court while the same is in session, or which unreasonably interferes with the working of such institution, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in such streets indicating that the same is a school, hospital, church, library, sanitarium or court street.

(6) Use of drum, loud-speakers, etc., to attract attention to performance, sale, etc. The use of any drum, loud-speaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise to any performance, show or sale or display or advertisement of merchandise.

(7) Except as provided in paragraph (6) of this section, the use of mechanical loud-speakers or amplifiers on trucks, or other vehicles or airplanes for advertising or other purposes, except in specific instances and upon written permission obtained from the County Manager.

SECTION IV

Violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance by any person shall constitute a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, violator shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$50.00 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days. Each and every violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION V

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after August 4, 1981 at 12:01 A.M.

ATTEST:


JAMES A. GIBSON, Chairman
Scotland County Board of Commissioners


JOHN Q. BYRD, Clerk to the Board


ED JOHNSTON, County Attorney