

FORD CITY BOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 399

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING UNNECESSARY NOISES
PROVIDING FOR THE GRANTING OF PERMITS FOR
CERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Town Council of the Borough of Ford City and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION I. All unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise of such character, intensity, and duration as to be detrimental to the life, health, peace, or welfare of any individual is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited.

SECTION II. The following acts are hereby declared to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, but are not to be deemed exclusive; and any other acts violating the definition in Section I above are in violation of this ordinance although not specifically listed below.

(1) The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, boat, or other vehicle, except as a danger signal in the interests of safe operation of said vehicle.

(2) The operation of any radio, television, phonograph, jukebox, or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume as to annoy or disturb the quiet comfort or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel, rooming house, or any type of residence.

(3) The keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continuing noise as to disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

(4) The use of any automobile motor vehicle or a vehicle of any kind to create any loud or unnecessary noise such as grating, grinding, rattling, or screeching.

(5) The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, internal combustion engine, outboard motor, lawn mower, tractor, or motor vehicle, except through a muffler or device which will prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.

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(6) The creation of any excessive noise on any street, adjacent to any church or school or any other institution of learning while the same is in session which unreasonably interferes with the working and activities of the same provided that conspicuous signs are displayed indicating the nature of the institution.

(7) The creation of any unreasonably loud and excessive noise in the loading or unloading of any vehicle or in the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates, and cartons.

(8) The unreasonable shouting and crying of peddlers, hawkers, and vendors, so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the community.

(9) The use of any drum, loud speaker, or any other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention through any performance, show, exhibition, special event, or sale or display of merchandise, or any other activity, subject to the licensing provisions herein.

(10) The use of mechanical or electrical loud speakers or amplifiers on motor vehicles, boats or air craft for advertising or for any other purpose subject to the licensing provisions herein.

(11) Any other unreasonable, loud, excessive noise which disturbs the peace, quiet, and welfare of the community.

SECTION III. Subject to the provisions of this ordinance and to the applicable law, persons desiring to use loud speakers, musical instruments, bands, and the like, either on motor or other vehicles or otherwise, at reasonable times and places may apply to the Burgess, or to the Chief of Police when authorized by the Burgess, for a permit to carry on such activity; said permit will be issued in the discretion of the Burgess subject to reasonable limitations and conditions in conformance with this ordinance.

SECTION IV. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply and are not intended to apply to any church or school in carrying on its normal activities in the using of an organ, radio, bell, chimes, or other instruments, apparatus, or device at reasonable times and in a manner so as not to disturb the peace and quiet of the community.

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SECTION V. All persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine of not more than \$50.00; and upon failure to pay the said fine, to imprisonment for a period of not more than 30 days.

SECTION VI. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

DONE, ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Town Council of the Borough of Ford City at an adjourned regular meeting this 6th day of January 1961.

ATTEST:

Mary Purolik
Borough Secretary

B. R. Stewart
President of Council

Examined and approved this 14 day of January 1961.

Frank L. S.
Burgess