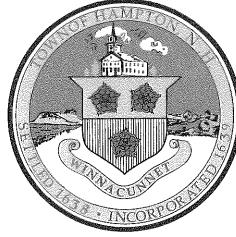


# Town of Hampton



## NOISE ORDINANCE

In accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 31, Section 39, authorizing the Town of Hampton to enact bylaws, the following Ordinance is adopted by the Annual Town Meeting.

### **Section 1. Purpose.**

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hampton ordains that it is in the public interest and hereby establishes that it is public policy to regulate unnecessary noise.

### **Section 2. Unnecessary Noise Prohibited.**

No person shall operate any vehicle in the Town of Hampton so as to make any loud, unusual or unnecessary noise as defined within this Ordinance.

### **Section 3. Definitions.** The following words shall have the following meanings:

- a. **Vehicle** shall mean and include: Antique Motor Vehicle or Motorcycle; Automobile Transporter; Automobile Transporter Stringer-Steered; Automobile Utility Trailer; Bus; Combination Vehicle; Commercial Motor Vehicle; Emergency Vehicles; Full Trailer; Heavy Truck; Construction Equipment; Light Truck; Mixed Use School Bus; Moped; Motor Truck; Motor Vehicle; Motorcycle; Motor-Driven Cycle; Off Highway Recreational Vehicle; OHRV; Private Passenger Vehicle; Recreational Vehicle; School Bus; Semi-Trailer; Sidecar; Single Unit Vehicle; Ski Area Vehicle; Snowmobile; Special Mobile Equipment; Street Rod; Tractor; Tractor Trailer; Trailer; Truck; Truck-Tractor; Vehicle; all as defined in RSA 259.
- b. **Way** shall mean a way as defined in RSA 259:125, I & II.
- c. **Loud, Unusual or Unnecessary Noise.** The words Loud, Unusual, or other Unnecessary Noise shall include any noise occasioned by any one or more of the following actions of or by the operator of any vehicle:
  1. Misuse of power exceeding the tire traction limits in acceleration, sometimes known as “peeling rubber”; or
  2. Misuse of braking power exceeding tire traction limits in deceleration where there is no emergency; or
  3. Rapid acceleration by means of quick up shifting of transmission gears with either clutch or manual downshifting of transmission gears with either clutch or manual transmission, or automatic transmission; or

4. Rapid deceleration by means of quick downshifting of transmission gears with either clutch or manual transmission, or automatic transmission; or
5. Racing engines by manipulation of the accelerator, gas pedal or carburetor or gear selection whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still; or
6. The excessive blowing of any horn except as a warning signal, or the use of any other noise making device whether the vehicle is in motion or standing still; or
7. The playing of radios; cd-cassette-tape, disk or other players so loud as to be annoying to others in the next car or in their yards or homes.

**Section 4. Hours of Construction Work.**

Except for emergencies, no person shall cause the construction, reconstruction, remodeling or demolition of a dwelling or structure, the digging up or the filling in or leveling or contouring of the ground, the breaking of pavements, concrete, stone or foundations, the excavation of streets, the operation of heavy equipment of any kind or the use of blasting or the driving of pile or jacking of pipes within the Town of Hampton before 7:00 o'clock in the AM or after 7:00 o'clock in the PM, local time Monday through Friday of any week or before 9:00 o'clock in the AM or after 5:00 o'clock in the PM local time on any weekend or any holiday.

**Section 5. Validity.**

If any section or part of a section or paragraph of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, said declaration shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or sections, or part of a section or paragraph of this Ordinance unless the purposes of this Ordinance cannot be accomplished in the absence of the invalidated provision.

**Section 6. Penalty.**

Any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$250 for each such offense or violation, such sums to inure to the general fund of the Town.

**Section 7. Effective.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and shall repeal all other Ordinances or portions of Ordinances that may be in conflict with the provision herein enacted.