

## ORDINANCE ADOPTING NOISE REGULATIONS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bunn Board of Commissioners desire to adopt ordinances regulating noise to ensure the public peace of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Bunn, North Carolina that the following noise regulation ordinances are hereby adopted:

### Section 1.

#### 1. UNUSUAL AND LOUD NOISE PROHIBITED.

(A) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to create or assist in creating any unreasonably loud and disturbing noise in the town.

(2) Noise of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to the public health, welfare and peace is prohibited.

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

(1) The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle, except as a danger signal, so as to create any unreasonably loud or harsh sound or the sounding of the device for an unreasonable period of time or the use of any gong or siren upon any vehicle, other than police, fire or other emergency vehicle;

(2) The playing of any amplified music or sound, radio, musical instrument, speaker, or other musical device in a manner or with such volume, particularly during hours between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence. Any amplified music or sound that is clearly audible at a distance of more than fifty (50) feet from the device or speaker producing the music or sound outside of the hours permitted under this section shall be prohibited;

(3) 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) The use of any automobile, motorcycle or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in a manner as to create loud grating, grinding, rattling or other noise;

(5) The conducting, operating or maintaining of any garage or service station in any residential area so as to cause loud or offensive noises to be emitted therefrom between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays or on Sundays;

(6) The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning or court while the same are in session or within 150 feet of any hospital, which unreasonably interferes with the working of those institutions, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in those streets indicating that the area is a school, court or hospital area;

(7) The creation of any excessive noise on Sundays on any street adjacent to any church, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in the streets adjacent to churches indicating that the same is a church street;

(8) The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration or repair of any building in a residential or business district other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., on weekdays, except in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public safety and then only with a permit from the Building Inspector;

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

(10) The use of any drum, loudspeaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise to any performance, show or sale or display of merchandise; and

(11) The use of any mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving vehicles for advertising purposes or other purposes;

(12) (a) The use of generators as a means of providing electrical service to property for which electrical service is available from a public utility except during times of interrupted service due to natural calamity or accidental disruption.

(b) This section shall not apply to the use of generators for the supply of electrical power for home medical devices, temporary structural and electrical home repairs, temporary use while power is unavailable due to a weather event, temporary use of a pressure washer, outdoor events, temporary concession stands, or such other temporary use as may be permitted upon written request to the Town Clerk.

(13) The use of fireworks on days other than July 4<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.

(14) The use of any automobile, motorcycle, or vehicle on a highway without a muffler, or other exhaust system of the type installed at the time of manufacture, in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, annoying smoke and smoke screens.

(15) The use of sound-producing equipment in vehicles, playing any radio, tape recorder, cassette player, compact disc, or other similar device for reproducing sound located on, or in, any motor vehicle on a public street, highway, or within, the motor vehicular area of any public or private parking lot or park, or drive through, if the sound generated is audible at a distance of thirty (30) feet from sound producing equipment.

**2. PENALTY.**

Any violation of this Chapter subjects the offender to a civil citation in such amount as set forth in the Town's adopted fee schedule.

**Section 2.** That all ordinances and sections of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** This ordinance is effective upon its adoption.

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

Marsha W. Strawbridge  
Marsha Strawbridge,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Dottie Taylor  
Dottie Taylor, Town Clerk