

On **May 3, 2018**, the Noise Ordinance task Force heard from St Michaels Police Lt. J. Oswald regarding the town's enforcement of their noise code.

The Task Force then considered the following provisions:

1. No commercial establishment required to be licensed by the County shall provide entertainment which generates sound which is audible and/or penetrates beyond the property boundaries of the commercial establishment between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM the following day. Entertainment includes without limitation the playing of any television set, radio, phonograph, musical instrument, game or other device which produces sound as well as sound emitted by live entertainers.

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2. Marine vessels. The operation of any boat with a motor, or other marine vessel, excepting boats operated by commercial watermen, unless equipped with an adequately muffled exhaust system, or the use of any noise-producing or noise-amplifying instrument or mechanical device on a boat in such a manner that creates a noise disturbance; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of whistles, bells or horns as signals as required by the United States Motor Boat Act or other state or federal laws for the safe navigation of motor boats or vessels.

Amended to remove the following language: "The operation of any boat with a motor, or other marine vessel, excepting boats operated by commercial watermen, unless equipped with an adequately muffled exhaust system, or"

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3. Animals. Owning, possessing, harboring or controlling any animal or bird which causes a noise disturbance by barking, baying, crying, squawking or by making any other noise continuously or incessantly for a period of ten minutes or makes such noises intermittently for thirty minutes or more; provided, however, that at the time the animal or bird is making such noise no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon the private property in or upon which the animal or bird is situated or that no person other than the owner, controller or possessor of the animal was teasing or provoking the animal or bird at the time it made such noise. Provided, further, that for purposes of this section "animals and birds" shall not include livestock or poultry which are raised or kept as part of a farm operation which is actively devoted to the production for sale of plants and animals useful to people.

OR

Animals. Owning, possessing, or harboring any household pet on residential property which causes a noise disturbance by barking, baying, crying, or by making any other noise continuously or incessantly for a period of ten minutes or makes such noises intermittently for thirty minutes or more; provided, however, that at the time the animal is making such noise no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon the private property in or upon which the animal is situated or that no person other than the owner, controller or possessor of the animal was teasing or provoking the animal at the time it made such noise. Provided, further, that for purposes of this section "animals" shall not include livestock or poultry, with the exception of roosters.

Tabled until the next meeting

4. Noise suppression devices.

1. No person shall cause, suffer or allow or permit the removal, disconnection or disabling of any noise suppression device or system which has been installed on any noise source pursuant to any federal or state law or regulation, or as a requirement for obtaining a permit to construct, modify or install such noise source.

2. No person shall defeat the designed purpose of any noise suppression system or device by installing therein or thereon any part or component which does not meet the minimum designed specifications for that system or device.

3. No noise source shall be operated with its noise suppression system or device removed or otherwise rendered inoperable.

4. This section does not apply to licensed motor vehicles used exclusively for emergency purposes.

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5. A commercial establishment offering indoor live amplified music or other live amplified entertainment shall not leave its exterior doors open during performances

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