

On **March 1, 2018**, the Noise Ordinance Task Force had their first meeting. At such meeting, they took the following actions:

1. Selected a Chairman, Mary O'Donnell, and a Vice Chairman, Mary Kay Verdery
2. Agreed to allow time at the end of each meeting for members of the public to speak, for no more than 3 minutes (in addition to the submission of any written comment)
3. Set future dates for meetings for March 8, 15, and 22, at 2 pm at the Talbot County Community Center
4. Agreed upon a mission statement for the Group:

In keeping with the primary goal of the Talbot County Comprehensive Plan to promote a high quality of life and to protect the health, safety and economic well-being of its citizens, it is the mission of the Noise Ordinance Task Force to create an effective, enforceable and fair ordinance for the regulation of noise.

5. Discussed future meeting topics and possible guest speakers, to include (a) copies of the laws of other Maryland jurisdictions, (b) a legal analysis of the areas of possible regulation by Talbot County and exemptions under state and federal law, (c) a guest speaker on the science of sound, and (d) a guest speaker from another jurisdiction on enforcement issues.