

Loud Noise Town Ordinance

At the 1980 Town Meeting, Warrant Article #29 was voted on:

29. To see if the Town of Sandown will vote to adopt the following ordinance, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 31:39:

Purpose: It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle on any way in the Town of Sandown to make any loud, unusual, or other unnecessary noise as hereinafter defined.

Section 1. Vehicle. The word vehicle shall include a bus, highway building equipment, motorcycle, motor truck, motor vehicle, semi-trailer, side car, tractor trailer and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all mechanical devices defined as "vehicle" under the terms of RSA 259:1(XXXIV).

Section 2. Way. The word way shall include all areas defined as such by RSA 259:1(XXXV).

Section 3. Loud, Unusual, or other 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 the operator of a vehicle:

- a. Misuse of power exceeding tire traction limits in acceleration, sometimes known as "laying down rubber" or "peeling rubber" or
- b. Misuse of braking power exceeding tire traction limits in deceleration where there is no emergency, or
- c. Rapid acceleration by means of quick upshifting of transmission gears with either a clutch and manual transmission or automatic transmission, without need, or
- d. Rapid deceleration by means of quick downshifting of transmission gears with either a clutch and manual transmission or an automatic transmission, without need, or
- e. Racing of engines by manipulation of accelerator, gas pedal, carburetor, or gear selection whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still, without need, or
- f. The blowing of any horn, except as a warning signal, or the use of any noise-making device whether the vehicle is either in motion or standing still.

Section 4. Penalty. Any persons convicted of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$50.00 (fifty dollars) for each offense, which fine shall inure to the benefit of the Town of Sandown General Fund.

Section 5. Validity. If any portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent authority, such holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other portion of the ordinance.

Section 6. Effective. This ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances heretofore adopted and becomes effective immediately upon its passage.

Article #29 was passed by a hand vote:

1980
ARTICLE #29 NOISE ORDINANCE
MUCH DISCUSSION PRO AND CON UTILIZED TWENTY
MINUTES. MOTION BY JAMES COMPTON TO ACCEPT
AS READ WAS SECONDED AND PASSED BY HAND VOTE.

In effect, the Town Ordinance for Loud Noise Violations is:

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