



Town of Waco

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Town of Waco Noise Ordinance Providing The Control of Noise

WHEREAS, the control of noise is a matter concerning the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Waco, and

WHEREAS, the Aldermen of the Town of Waco are authorized by Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina to control matters concerning the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Waco,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF WACO, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. That the Noise Ordinance of the Town of Waco, North Carolina, is hereby amended by adding language, grammar and enumeration as follows:

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the peace, health, and welfare of residents by establishing maximum permissible noise levels within residential zones.

ARTICLE II. NUISANCES

Section 3.0 NOISE

Sec. 3.1 Noise – Loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise. The creation of any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to life or health of any individual is prohibited. For the North Carolina state law as to the authority of a town or municipality to regulate noise, see G.S. 160A-184.

Sec. 3.2 Same – acts construed as noise. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this ordinance, but such enumeration shall not be deemed exclusive, namely:

- a. **Blowing horns.** The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching, apparently out of control; or if in motion, only as a danger signal, after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device for any unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

- b. **Vehicle sirens and gongs.** The use of any siren or gong upon any vehicle, other than police, fire, ambulance or other emergency vehicle.
- c. **Radios, photographs, etc.** The playing of any radio, phonographs or other devices in such manner or with such volume as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person(s) in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence.
- d. **Pets.** The keeping of any animal or bird which, by causing frequent or long continued noise, shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person(s) in the vicinity.

Sec. 3.3 Offenses Miscellaneous.

- a. **Use of vehicle.** The use of any automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in such manner as to create loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise, as such loud and unnecessary noise caused by operation of automobiles, motorcycles, or other vehicles unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled and reduced.
- b. **Blowing whistles.** The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of danger.
- c. **Exhaust discharge.** The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle or motorboat engine, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.
- d. **Devices use of compressed air.** The use of any mechanical device operated by compressed air unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled and reduced.
- e. **Loading and unloading operations.** The creation of loud and excessive noise in connection with the loading or unloading of any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes and containers.

Section 4.0 Definitions

- **Daytime Hours:** 09:00 a.m. to 09:00 p.m.
- **Nighttime Hours:** 09:00 p.m. to 09:00 a.m.

Section 5.0 Exemptions

This ordinance shall not apply to:

- Emergency response activities.
- Public safety alerts (e.g., sirens).
- Temporary construction activities permitted by the town.

- Community events as authorized by permit.

Section 6.0 Enforcement

- The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department shall be responsible for enforcement.

Section 7.0 Violations

- Violations may result in a written warning for the first offense, followed by fines not exceeding **\$250.00** for subsequent offenses. Said fines shall be placed in the General Operation Funds of the Town of Waco, North Carolina.
- Continued violations may result in additional penalties as provided by law.

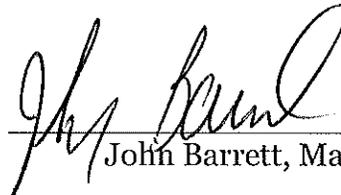
Section 8.0 This Ordinance became effective on the 16th day of April 2012.

Sec. 8.1 The ordinance is amended by a vote of the Town of Waco Board of Aldermen on the 16th day of February 2026.



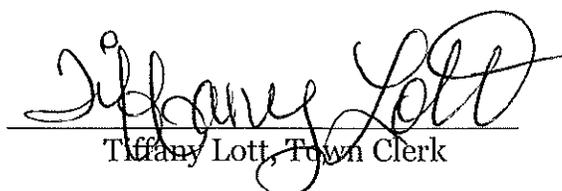
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Town of Waco, North Carolina



John Barrett, Mayor

Attest:



Tiffany Lott, Town Clerk



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