



STAFF REPORT AND FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

Ordinance: O-36-18

Title: Public Peace – Noise Prohibition

Date: August 29, 2018

STAFF REPORT

This ordinance makes technical corrections to Section 11.12.020 of the City Code concerning Environmental and Motor Vehicle Noise Standards. It also adds a provision stating that violation of this section is subject to a penalty pursuant to Section 11.12.120.

In 2012, the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) regulation 26.02.03.03 was repealed and consolidated in large part into regulation 26.02.03.02. This ordinance updates the City Code to correct citations to the amended COMAR regulation. Substantive amendments to regulation 26.02.03.02 include the additions of the following exemptions to the environmental noise standards:

- (n) Household pets on residential property that are maintained in accordance with local zoning requirements;
- (o) Except in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's, and Washington Counties, trap shooting, skeet shooting, or other target shooting between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. on any range or other property of a shooting sports club that is chartered and in operation as of January 1, 2001;
- (p) Trash collection operations between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- (q) Marina equipment used to move boats during the period from 7 am to 7 pm provided that the noise level does not exceed 80 dBA at 20 meters from the equipment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

We cannot determine the fiscal impact of this amendment to the City Code. The fine in the Fines Schedule adopted by the City Council for fiscal year 2019 is \$100 per violation per day; however, the City historically has not assessed any fines for noise violations.

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