

VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN
VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE ORDINANCE NO. 2025-006

ADOPTED: June 10, 2025

EFFECTIVE: November 15, 2025

VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE ANTI-NOISE ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to secure the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of Village of Lawrence by the regulation of noise within the Village; to impose sanctions for the violation thereof; and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

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SECTION I

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Village of Lawrence Anti-Noise Ordinance.

SECTION II

ANTI-NOISE REGULATIONS

- A. General regulation. No person or entity shall cause or create any excessively loud noise which disturbs or injures the health, peace or quiet of the residents and property owners of the Village.
- B. Specific violations. The following noises and disturbances are hereby declared to be a violation of this Ordinance; provided, however, that the specification of the same is not thereby to be construed to exclude other violations of this Ordinance not specifically enumerated:
 - (1) The playing of any radio, stereo: television set, amplified or unamplified musical instrument, loudspeaker, tape recorder, compact disc player, digital player, or other such electronic sound-producing devices, in such a manner or with volume that:

- a. The operation of any such musical instrument or electronic sound-producing device is plainly audible beyond the property line of a single-family dwelling unit from which it is generated or outside of the duplex dwelling unit or individual dwelling unit of the multiple-family dwelling unit from which it is generated; or
- b. The operation of any such electronic sound-producing device is plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the vehicle; or
- c. The operation of any such electronic sound-producing device is plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from its location on public property or private property, open to the general public; or
- d. The bass has caused vibrations within a dwelling unit or within a vehicle other than that from which it was generated.

(2) Continuous or repeated yelling, shouting, loud whistling, or loud singing, so as to disturb the comfort, repose or peace of others within the Village by being plainly audible to persons within any dwelling, hotel, hospital, office or other type of residence.

(3) The keeping of any domestic animal which emanates noise for an extended period of time (60 minutes or more) which shall unreasonably disturb the quiet, comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity by being plainly audible from any nearby property.

(4) The operation of any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle so out of repair or so loaded or constructed as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other unreasonable noise including the noise resulting from exhaust, which is plainly audible from nearby properties and unreasonably disturbing to the quiet, comfort or repose of other persons. The modification of any noise abatement device on any motor vehicle, or engine, or the failure to maintain same so that the noise emitted by such vehicle, or engine is increased above that emitted by such as originally manufactured shall be in violation of this section.

(5) The sounding of any horn or other device on any vehicle unless necessary to operate said vehicle safely or as required by law.

(6) The discharging outside of any enclosed building of the exhaust of any steam engine, internal combustion engine: motor vehicle, boat, or motor boat engine except through a muffler or other similar device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises. The modification of any noise abatement device on any motor vehicle, boat, or engine, or the failure to maintain same so that the noise emitted by such vehicle, boat or boat engine is increased above that emitted by such vehicle or engine as originally manufactured shall be in violation of this section.

- (7) The erection (including excavation therefor), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building, and the excavation of streets and highways on any day except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., unless a permit is obtained from the Village of Lawrence for emergency purposes.
- (8) The continuous or repeated use of any drum, loudspeaker, amplifier, or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention so as to disturb the comfort, repose or peace of others within the Village by being plainly audible to persons within any dwelling, hotel, hospital, office or other type of residence.
- (9) The operation of any race track, proving ground, testing area or obstacle course for motor vehicles, motorcycles, racers, automobiles or vehicles of any kind or nature in any area of the Village where the noise emanating therefrom would be unreasonably disturbing and upsetting to other persons in the vicinity. Under no circumstances shall any race track, proving ground, testing area or obstacle course operate after 9:00 p.m. on any evening.

C. Exceptions. None of the prohibitions hereinbefore enumerated shall apply to the following:

- (1) Any police vehicle, ambulance, fire engine or emergency vehicle while engaged in necessary emergency activities.
- (2) Excavation or repair of bridges, streets or highways or other property by or on behalf of the State of Michigan, the Village or the County of Van Buren, between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. when the public welfare, safety and convenience render it impossible to perform such work during other hours.
- (10) Warning devices emitting sound for warning purposes as authorized by law.
- (11) Any vehicle or equipment designed and used for the purpose of snow and/or ice removal when in use for such purposes.
- (12) Generators. Any generator may be utilized any time for emergency power.

SECTION III

VALIDITY

The several provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be separate; if any Court of Law shall hold that any section or provision thereof is invalid, such holding shall not affect or impair the validity of any other section or provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV

VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

A. Municipal Civil Infractions. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a municipal civil infraction, subjecting persons found responsible for violations to the fines as indicated in the fee schedule

adopted by a Resolution of the Village Council. These fees are subject to change from time to time by Village Council Resolution.

B. Authorized Enforcement Officer. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer(s) of Village of Lawrence, any deputy of the Van Buren County Sheriff Department, and by such other person or persons as the Village Council may designate.

SECTION V

EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEAL OF ORDINANCE

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after publication. All Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion by Deloach, 2nd by Rowlee

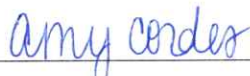
Roll Call:

Aye: Gritter, Crandall, Rowlee, Glennie, Deloach

Abstain: None

Nay: None

Absent: Lorenzo



Amy Cordes, Manager
Village of Lawrence