

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 10, 2022

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

Re: Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42 of the Town Code,
Relative to Non-Vehicular Noise
Ordinance 008-2022

Date: April 27, 2022

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Town Council approve Ordinance 008-2022, amending Chapter 42 of the Town Code, relative to non-vehicular noise.

STAFF INFORMATION

A discussion took place at the April 14, 2022, Ordinance Rules and Standards Committee Meeting regarding non-vehicular noise. It was determined that regulations relating to noise appear to be inconsistent in regard to the manner in which decibel levels are applied in various geographic residential areas. Based on resident's concerns about noise in geographic area 4 and the Town's desire to make the maximum level dBA's consistent in residential areas, the proposed changes are outlined below and incorporated in the attached ordinance.

Section 42-228

In the use of a sound level meter, the following criteria shall be used for determining a violation of the Town's ordinances relating to the maximum permissible emissions of noise levels emanating from other than motor vehicles, with the exception of lawn maintenance equipment.

<i>Area (Geographic)</i>	Maximum Level, dBA	
	<i>Day</i>	<i>Night</i>
1	61	55
2	64	58
3	61	55
4	66 61	60 55

“Night” as used hereinabove is defined as the hours between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. (Code 1982 § 12-147 (c))

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

The Town Attorney has reviewed this ordinance and approved for legal form and sufficiency.

Attachment

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cc: John C. Randolph, Town Attorney
Kirk Blouin, Town Manager
Benjamin Alma, Support Services Manager