

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP
MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOISE ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE # 2013-33**

An Ordinance prohibiting unnecessary noises within the Township of Republic, Michigan and setting the penalties for violations of this Ordinance.

The Township Board of Republic, Marquette County, Michigan, hereby ordains:

Section 1: Purpose/Necessity

- A. It is found and declared that the making and creation of loud, unnecessary, or unusual noises with the limits of the Township of Republic is a condition which has existed for some time and the extent and the volume is increasing.
- B. The making, creation or maintenance of such loud, unnecessary, unnatural or unusual noises which are prolonged, unusual and unnatural in their time, place and use effect and are a detriment to public health, comfort, convenience, welfare and prosperity of the residents of Republic Township; and
- C. The necessity in the public interest for the provisions and prohibitions herein after contained and enacted, is declared as a matter of legislative determination and public policy, and it is further declared that the provisions and prohibitions herein after contained and enacted are in pursuance of and for the purpose of securing and promoting the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare, prosperity and peace and quiet of the Township of Republic and its inhabitants.

Section 2: Legality

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the limits of the Township of Republic.

Section 3: The following acts, among others are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this Ordinance, but said enumeration shall be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

- A. HORNS, SIGNALLING DEVICES, ETC. – The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle on any street or public place of the Township of Republic, except as a danger warning; the creation by means of any such signaling device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of any such device for an unnecessary or unreasonable length of time; the use of any horn, whistle or other device operated by engine exhaust and the use of any such signaling device when traffic is for any reason held up.
- B. LOUD SPEAKERS, AMPLIFIERS FOR ADVERTISING, ETC. – The using, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, loudspeaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound which is cast upon the public streets for the purpose of commercial advertising or attracting attention for the public to any building, structure,

premises or vehicle. Concerts and sporting events are limited to between the hours of 10:00AM to 11:00PM.

- C. RADIO AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS – The playing of any radio, television, or any musical instruments in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00PM and 7:00AM or at any such time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office or in any dwelling or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity. The operation of any set, instrument, phonograph machine or device during these restricted hours in such a manner, as to be plainly audible at a distance of twenty (20) feet from building, structure, premises or vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
- D. SHOUTING AND WHISTLING - Yelling, shouting, hooting whistling or singing or the making of any loud noise on the public streets between the hours of 11:00PM and 7:00AM or at any time so as to annoy, disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity.
- E. ANIMAL AND BIRD NOISES – The keeping of any animals or birds which by causing frequent or long continued noise that shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person.
- F. WHISTLE OR SIREN – The blowing of any whistle or siren except to give notice of the time, or as a warning of fire or any other type of emergency.
- G. EXPLOSIVES, FIREARMS AND SIMILAR DEVICES – The using or firing of explosives, firearms, firecrackers or similar devices which create impulsive sound so as to cause a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or on a public space or right of way, without first obtaining a special variance or permit from the Township of Republic.
- H. DEFECT IN VEHICLE OR LOAD – The use of any automobile or motorcycle or vehicle so out of repair or so loaded in such a manner as to create loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.
- I. EXHAUSTS – The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any stationary internal combustion engine, motor boat or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device that will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises there from.
- J. MOTOR VEHICLES – Racing the motor of any vehicle unnecessarily or operating any motor vehicle in such a manner that the vehicle is so rapidly accelerated or started from a stopped position that the exhaust system emits a loud, cracking or chattering noise unusual to its normal operation, or whereby the tires of such vehicle squeal or leave tire marks on the pavement or asphalt or other surface, commonly called peeling.
- K. DOMESTIC POWER TOOLS – Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawnmower or similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment in residential areas between the hours of 9:00PM and 7:00AM the following day on weekdays and before 9:00AM or after 7:00pm on Sundays so as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.

Section 4: Exceptions

None of the prohibitions shall apply to or be enforced against any Police or Fire Vehicle of the Township or Ambulance while engaged upon necessary public emergency business, necessary evacuations or repairs to the water system, the sewage system, streets or Township Properties by or on behalf of the Township, County, or State during the night, when the public safety, welfare

and convenience renders it impossible to perform such work during the day; the reasonable use of stationary amplifiers or loud speakers in the course of public events which are non-commercial in character.

Section 5: Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and costs or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days (90), or both said fine and said imprisonment.

Section 6: Severability

It is the intentions of the Township Board that each separate provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein and it is further the intention of the Township Board that if any provisions of this Ordinance be declared invalid, all other provisions shall remain valid and enforceable. It is further the intention of the Township Board that any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7: Enforcing Agency

It s the intention of the Township Board that this Ordinance shall be enforced by either the Mid-Township Police Department and/or the Marquette County Sheriff's Department and/or any other Official Police Agency.

Section 8: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in full effect thirty days (30) after publication thereof.