

**TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG
COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 1072

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, PART 2 OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG RELATING TO THE
REGULATION OF EXCESSIVE NOISE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloomsburg (“Town”) currently maintains a noise ordinance contained in Chapter 10, Part 2 of its Code of Ordinances (“Noise Ordinance”) which aims to ensure that public health, safety and welfare will not be abridged by the making and creating of public nuisances from disturbing, excessive or offensive noises in the Town;

WHEREAS, Section 10-205.D(1) of the Noise Ordinance provides an exemption from the Noise Ordinance’s prohibition against noise disturbances for any Town-approved festival or activity; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council now desires to amend the Noise Ordinance in accordance with the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County’s March 12, 2026 Verdict in Case Nos. 2022-cv-1061 and 2023-cv-699, in order to clarify that all persons and entities in the Town may apply to the Town for an exemption from the Noise Ordinance, which exemption requests shall be evaluated by Town Council in a reasonable manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania that Chapter 10, Part 2 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances, is amended as follows:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 10, Part 2, Section 10-205 of the Code of Ordinances (Exceptions), is hereby modified by deleting the following stricken language and adding the following underscored language:

§ 10-205 Exceptions...

This Part shall not apply to:

...

D. Town, County and State Events.

- 1) Sound generated by activities which are an official or an approved part of any Town, county or state approved or licensed festival or activity, provided that such exemption shall terminate at 12:00 midnight. ~~Notwithstanding the foregoing, this exemption shall not apply to activities occurring at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds, which are addressed in § 10-205D(3).~~ With respect to Town-approved festivals or activities, the Town

shall, by separate resolution, establish a procedure and criteria for approving or denying requests for exemption.

- 2) Sound generated at any time from school-sponsored athletic or recreational events.
- 3) Activities at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds during the annual fair event, except that motorized racing and motorized vehicle exhibition activities shall not be exempt under this section.
- 4) Fireworks displays pursuant to a properly issued permit.

SECTION 2.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase or portion of this document is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 3.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 27th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG

Lisa M. Dooley
LISA M. DOOLEY, SECRETARY

Justin C. Hummel
JUSTIN C. HUMMEL, MAYOR