

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 324

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP REGULATING
AMPLIFIED SOUND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wrightstown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania has enacted Ordinances regulating certain conduct within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to regulate the use of amplified sound.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Wrightstown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Chapter 10 of the Wrightstown Township Codified Ordinances is amended by inserting a new Part 6 as follows:

Part 6 Amplified Sound

§10-601 Definitions

The following terms shall have the meanings ascribed unless a contrary meaning is expressly set forth in the text.

Amplified sound: means speech, music or other sound projected or transmitted by Sound Amplifying Equipment including, but not limited to, amplifiers, loudspeakers, microphones, bull horns or similar devices or combinations of devices which are intended to increase the volume, range, distance or intensity of speech, music or other sound and are powered by electricity or other sources of energy.

Property Boundary. The legal property line.

Sound. An oscillation in pressure, particle displacement, particle velocity or other physical parameter in a medium with internal forces that causes compression and rarefaction of that medium.

§10-602 Prohibited Conduct

No person shall operate, play or permit the operation or playing of any radio, tape player, television set, musical instrument, electronic amplification equipment and similar devices which produces, reproduces or amplifies sound at any time of the day or night in a manner that creates annoyance or discomfort beyond the boundaries of such property which disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities, taking into consideration the location of the use or condition and the nature and condition of the surrounding neighborhood.

§10-603 Cooperation by Complaining Party

Any individual who files a complaint regarding a violation of this Ordinance must cooperate with the Township and the Newtown Township Police Department in prosecuting said violation, including but not limited to, testifying in Court regarding the same.

§10-604 Violations

- A. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than \$750 for the first offense, and not less than \$1,000 for any subsequent offenses and, upon failure to pay such fine, shall be sentenced to jail for a term not to exceed 30 days for each offense.
- B. A penalty provided for under this Ordinance may be imposed in addition to any penalty that may be imposed for any other criminal offense arising from the same conduct.
- C. A separate and distinct offense shall be committed each day that a violation of the terms of this ordinance continues to exist.

ARTICLE II.

Any Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency. All Ordinances unaffected by this Ordinance are hereby declared to be in full force and effect.

ARTICLE III.

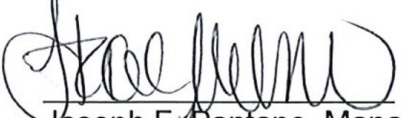
The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of the Wrightstown Township Codified Ordinances.

ARTICLE IV.

This Ordinance shall take affect five (5) days after adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 1st day of August, A.D., 2022.

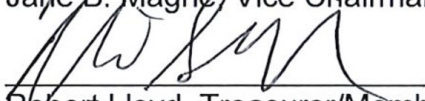
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