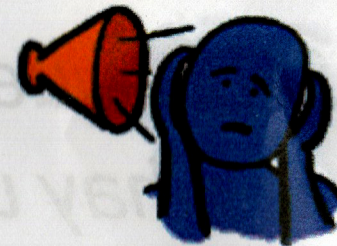


# *Did you know that Prince George's County has a Noise Ordinance?*

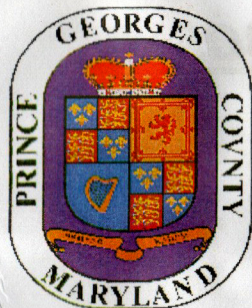


In 2011, the County Council for Prince George's County, Maryland, declared it to be public policy of the County that every resident of the County is entitled to noise levels that are not detrimental to health, safety, welfare, or the use, enjoyment, and protection of property. This was declared with the intent to control noise levels throughout the County in order to promote public health, safety, welfare, as well as the peace and quiet of the inhabitants of the County. Therefore residents are **prohibited from creating or allowing** noise that disturbs the peace, quiet, and comfort of a residential area. This includes residences in all areas. **If there is a problem property in your community, please call the Police Non-emergency phone number: 301-352-1200.**

**Noise** is defined as sound related to human activity, including noise produced vocally, from a radio receiving set, musical instrument, device, or by a machine, tool or other equipment which produces, reproduces, or amplifies any sound or noise which is continuous in nature. In 2018, the County law was updated to match the maximum decibel levels set by the State of Maryland. **This update ensures that the County can take properties with frequent noise violations to court in order to protect neighborhood quality of life.** The law can be found in County Code Sect. 19-120-126.

Exceptions include to the above regulations include: lawn care, snow removal equipment, and other household tools or equipment when used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm.

## **Please be considerate of your neighbors!**



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