

TOWN OF WINCHESTER
Ordinance 2022-01

An Ordinance Regulating Vehicular Noise on Roads
Within the Town of Winchester, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Winchester, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. *Regulations relating to vehicular noise on Town roads within the Town of Winchester.* Section 1 is created as follows:

- 1) **Loud and Unnecessary Noise.** No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any Town road in a manner that causes any loud, disturbing or unnecessary sounds or noises such as may tend to annoy or disturb another in or about any Town road, alley, park or any private property.
- 2) **Definition of Loud, Disturbing or Unnecessary Noise.** Sounds and noises shall be considered loud, disturbing or unnecessary if the sound or noise exceeds the levels set forth on Table 1, attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance.
- 3) **Penalties.** Any person who is convicted of violating any provision of this ordinance shall forfeit not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per violation. Any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the same provisions of this ordinance in less than 12 months shall forfeit not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) nor more than five hundred dollars(\$500.00).

Section 2. *Effective Date.* This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Section 3. *Severability and Conflicts.* If any section or part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

The above and forgoing Ordinance was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Winchester on January 17, 2022, by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 not voting.

APPROVED:

By:


Matthew J. Olson, Chair

Attest:


Holly Stevens, Clerk

TABLE 1
 NOISE LEVEL CRITERIA
 FOR CONSIDERING BARRIERS

<u>Land Use Category</u>	<u>Leq(h)¹ (dBA)</u>	<u>Description of Land Use Category</u>
A	57 (Exterior)	Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve an important public need and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purpose.
B	67 (Exterior)	Picnic areas, recreation areas, playgrounds, active sports areas, parks, residences, motels, hotels, schools, churches, libraries, and hospitals.
C	72 (Exterior)	Developed lands, properties, or activities not included in Categories A or B above.
D	—	Undeveloped lands.
E²	52 (Interior)	Residences, motels, hotels, public meeting rooms, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, and auditoriums.