

Town of New Hampton

Office of The Selectmen

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ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Relating to Unnecessary Noises is Hereby Enacted

Section I Purpose - The creation and maintenance of unnecessary noises, particularly relating to motor vehicles, is a detriment to the health, comfort, safety, and peace and quiet of the inhabitants of New Hampton. There is a need to control and/or prohibit such noises for the benefit of the community.

Section II Definition - "Unnecessary Noises" for the purpose of this ordinance, are defined as any loud, unnatural, or unusual noises, which are prolonged, uncommon, or abnormal in their time, place or use. These shall include, but not be limited to, any noise occasioned by one (1) or more of the following actions by the operator of any vehicle within the Town of New Hampton:

- A) Misuse of power, exceeding tire traction limits during acceleration, sometimes known as "burning out".
- B) Misuse of braking power, exceeding tire traction limits during deceleration, where there is no emergency.
- C) Rapid acceleration or deceleration by means of quick shifting of transmission gears with either a clutch and manual transmission or automatic transmission.
- D) Racing of engines by manipulation of accelerator, carburetor, or gear selection, whether the vehicle is in motion or standing still.
- E) Blowing of any horn, except as a warning device, or the use of any other noise making device whether the vehicle is in motion or standing still.

Section III Regulation - It shall be unlawful for any person to make, cause to be made, or continue to make any unnecessary noise as defined above. Nothing in this ordinance however shall prevent the use of loud speakers, or other sound equipment, or other functions or activities involving public noises licensed by any authorized official or board of the Town of New Hampton, which it deems reasonable.

Section IV Penalty - Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Violation, with a penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100). A person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each occasion a violation of this ordinance is committed, continued, or permitted by such person, and shall be punished as provided herein.

Effective immediately.

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