

**SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 252**

AN ORDINANCE OF SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MONROE,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING REGULATIONS  
RELATED TO NOISE AND NUISANCE CONCERNS IN THE SMITHFIELD  
TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Smithfield (hereinafter “Township”) is a Second Class Township located within the County of Monroe, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with an office address of 1155 Red Fox Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Township acknowledges that the quality of life of its residents depends on a measure of tranquility in their homes and neighborhoods, free from excessive noise irritation from various sources; and,

**WHEREAS**, Certain activities and industries create unwanted noise and disturbance, and those sounds levels must be managed throughout the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 10, Section 201 – Noise and Nuisances of the Smithfield Township Code of Ordinances shall be amended by repealing and replacing the following definitions:

**dB(A)**

The sound level in decibels, reported as measured by a sound level measuring instrument having an “A” weighting scale. The “A” weighted scale (aka A-weighted scale) is used to measure volume of common residential, commercial, natural and industrial sounds. The level so read is designated dB(A) or dBA.

**dB(C)**

The sound level, in decibels, reported as measured by a sound level instruments having a “C” weighted scale. The “C” weighted scale (aka C-weighted scale) offers a larger audio frequency range than “A” weighted and is used for measurement of higher volumes, peak volumes, and noises with a large component of low frequency sounds.

**DECIBEL (dB)**

The practical unit of measurement for sound pressure level; the number of decibels of a measured sound is equal to 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the sound pressure of the measured sound to the sound pressure of a standard sound (20 micropascals); abbreviated "dB."

Decibel levels (Db) are usually measured on one of two scales, “A” weighted and “C” weighted. “A” weighted.

**NOISE CONTROL OFFICER**

Noise Control Officer (NCO) means employees or consultants of the Township who are qualified to perform noise enforcement activities specified within the Township Code. All NCOs must receive noise enforcement training that includes understanding of the concepts and operation of noise enforcement measuring, field experience with an already designated NCO, and a sign off by the NCO certifying competency. If the employee is not also the Codes Enforcement Officer, he/she shall submit complaint forms and substantiating data to the Codes Enforcement Officer for issuance of citations of violations.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 10, Section 205 shall be amended to replace Tables I & II with the following tables:

**TABLE I  
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE A-WEIGHTED AND C-WEIGHTED SOUND LEVELS  
WHEN MEASURED OUTDOORS**

RECEIVING PROPERTY CATEGORY	Residential property, or residential portion of a multi-use property		Commercial facility, non-residential portion of a multi-use property, or community service facility
TIME	7 a.m.-10 p.m.	10 p.m.-7 a.m.	24 hours
Maximum C-Weighted sound level standard, dB	65	50	65

**TABLE II  
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE A-WEIGHTED AND C-WEIGHTED SOUND LEVELS  
WHEN MEASURED INDOORS**

	Residential property, or residential portion of a multi-use property	Commercial facility or non-
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RECEIVING PROPERTY CATEGORY			residential portion of a multi-use property
TIME	7 a.m.-10 p.m.	10 p.m.-7 a.m.	24 Hours
Maximum C- Weighted sound level standard, dB	55	40	55

**SECTION 3. Severability.** In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance, it being the intent of this Township that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. Repealer.** All other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith shall be and the same expressly are repealed.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective five days after the date of enactment as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Smithfield, Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

**SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Julia Heilakka  
Township Secretary