

**Article 6**  
**Noise**

**601. Unlawful Actions.**

The creation, within the Borough of Alexandria, of any unnecessary or excessive noise, or of any noise of such character, intensity or duration as to be detrimental to the health or life of any individual, or in the disturbance of the public peace and welfare or the aiding or abetting in the creation of any such noise or suffering or permitting any such noise to continue, is hereby prohibited and shall constitute disorderly conduct.

(Ordinance No. 2A, approved June 1, 1953)

**602. Prohibited Noise.**

Prohibited noise, within the meaning of this Ordinance, is hereby defined to include, but not to be limited to, the following:

1. For any reason at any time to use a horn or other warning device otherwise than as reasonable warning, or to make any unnecessary or unreasonable, loud or harsh sound by means of a horn or other warning device.
2. The playing of any radio, phonograph, television, or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, or any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity thereof.
3. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on the public streets so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any persons in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence or of any persons in the vicinity thereof.
4. Permitting any animal, bird, or fowl in one's possession or under one's control, to make any frequent or long continued noise of such character of intensity as to disturb the comfort or repose of any person.
5. The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger.
6. The erection (including excavating), demolition, alteration or repair or any building in any residential district or section, the excavation of streets or highways in any residential district or section other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

on weekdays, except in the case of urgent necessity in the interests of public health and safety and then only with a permit from the Secretary of Council, which permit may be granted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days while the emergency continues. If the Town Council should determine that the public health and safety will not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., and if they shall further determine that loss or inconvenience for such work to be done between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. upon application being made at the time the permit for the work is awarded or during the progress of the work.

7. The creation of any excessive noise or any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, public library, church or court, while the same are in session, which unreasonably interferes with the workings of sessions thereof and the making of any noise so as to annoy the users and/or occupants of such places or buildings as are herein defined.
8. The use of any drum, loud speaker or other instrument or devices for the purpose of attracting attention to the sale or display of merchandise of a commercial character.

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**603. Exemptions.**

None of the terms or prohibitions hereof shall apply to or be enforced against:

9. Any vehicle of or personnel of the Borough of Alexandria while engaged upon necessary public business.
10. Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets, highways or waterlines by or on behalf of the Borough of Alexandria, during the night time, when the public welfare and convenience renders it impossible to perform such work during the day time.
11. Parades with band music on holidays, or by civic organizations or by the public schools or division of the public schools.
12. School sports events which may or may not be accompanied with cheering and/or music.
13. The reasonable use of amplifiers or loud speakers in the course of public addresses which are non-commercial in character.

14. Fireworks exhibits held under permit by the Borough of Alexandria.

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**604. Penalties.**

15. Any person violating the provisions of Section 102, paragraph one of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof before the Burgess or any Justice of the Peace in said Borough in the nature of a summary conviction proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution and arrest, the fine to be payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; or, in default of payment thereof shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail for five (5) days.
16. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance (exclusive of Section 102, paragraph one), upon conviction thereof before the Burgess of Alexandria or any Justice of the Peace in the Borough of Alexandria in the nature of a summary conviction proceeding, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of ten (\$10.00) (payable to the Borough of Alexandria) and costs, or, in default of payment thereof, to be sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail for five (5) days.

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**605. Repealer.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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