

**TOWNSHIP OF SAGOLA
COUNTY OF DICKINSON, STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 121-2025**

Noise Control Ordinance - Zoned Residential and Business

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Date adopted: December 1, 2025

At a regular meeting of the Sagola Township Board held on December 1, 2025, the Board, by a Roll Call Vote, approved the "Noise Control Ordinance – Zoned Residential and Business." This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the date of its publication in The Daily News. A copy of the complete ordinance is available for inspection at the Post Offices of Channing and Sagola, and on the Township website: sagolatwp.com.

Julie Roell, Clerk

Sagola Township

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SECTION 1: DECLARATION OF POLICY; PURPOSES; ENFORCEMENT.

(a) It is hereby determined and declared that the making, creating or maintaining of loud, unnecessary, unnatural or unusual noises which are prolonged or sustained in duration, and which, by reason of the hour of the day or night, place or use, impair and are a detriment to the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of Sagola Township, is hereby declared to be a nuisance. It is hereby determined and declared to be necessary and in the public interest for the prohibitions and provisions as hereinafter set forth to be enacted, all of which are in pursuance and for the purpose of securing and promoting the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and enjoyment and for the peace and quiet of the residents of the City.

(b) The Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to enforce this chapter.

SECTION 2: UNNECESSARY NOISE PROHIBITED; QUIET TIME.

(a) No person shall make, create or continue, or cause to be made, created or continued, any loud, unnecessary, unnatural or unusual noise which annoys, disturbs, injures, endangers or impairs the comfort, repose, health, peace, convenience, safety, welfare or enjoyment of the occupants of the neighborhood in which the noise is heard.

(b) The hours between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. shall be designated as quiet time during which the Enforcement Officer shall enforce the provisions of this chapter with enhanced scrutiny. Any loud, unnecessary, unnatural or unusual noises occurring between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. will constitute a per se violation of this chapter.

(c) The Enforcement Officer shall employ broad discretion in determining violations under this chapter and in doing so shall consider whether any reasonable person or persons of normal sensitivity would be annoyed, disturbed, injured, endangered or impaired by the noise in question whether due to volume, or duration or both.

(d) The Enforcement Officer shall consider the following characteristics and conditions when determining whether a given noise constitutes a violation under this chapter:

- (1) The level of the noise;
- (2) Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual;
- (3) Whether the origin of the noise is natural or unnatural;
- (4) The level of the ambient noise;
- (5) The proximity of the noise to sleeping and/or living quarters;
- (6) The nature and the zoning of the area from which the noise emanates and the nature and the zoning of the area in which the noise is heard;
- (7) The time of day or night the noise occurs;
- (8) The day of the week on which the noise occurs;
- (9) The day of the year on which the noise occurs;
- (10) The duration of the noise; and,
- (11) Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant.

The foregoing list of conditions and characteristics shall not be considered exhaustive and the Enforcement Officer shall be required to consider the totality of the circumstances when determining violations of this chapter.

SECTION 3: EXEMPTIONS

The following are exempted from compliance with this chapter:

- (a) Sounds generated from any government or emergency vehicle while engaged in necessary public business;
- (b) Sounds generated from excavations or repairs of bridges, streets, highways, or other public works projects by or on behalf of the Township, County, or State, at any time of the day when the public welfare and convenience requires such work;
- (c) Sounds generated from the reasonable use of amplifiers or loud speakers in the course of public addresses which are non-commercial in character, and in which amplifiers or loud speakers are not used in connection with any moving or non-moving vehicle;
- (d) Parades and public assemblies for which valid permits have been obtained;
- (e) Sounds from any publicly maintained emergency device, early warning system, or civil defense device or system;
- (f) Any school, church, or Township-sponsored sporting event or assembly conducted during the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.;
- (g) Any activity for which a Township permit or license was issued;
- (h) Sounds from equipment used to maintain landscaping on a periodic basis, including lawnmowers, leaf blowers, edgers, hedge trimmers and similar types of equipment when used between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- (i) Sound from equipment used for moving or removing snow from residential or commercial property if such equipment is in good working order and is used only as needed.
- (j) Sounds generated from generators during a township-wide power outage.
- (k) Sounds from normal business operations in areas zoned business.

SECTION 4: PENALTY

- (a) 1st violation after warning - - - - - \$ 250.00
- (b) 2nd violation - - - - - \$500.00
- (c) 3rd violation and thereafter - - - - - \$500.00

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

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Roll Call Vote Ayes: Ryan Mulder, Marissa Berg, Julie Roell, Luke Fleming, David Roell
Nayes: None

SAGOLA TOWNSHIP

Julie Roell, Clerk, 906-282-8958

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