



TOWN OF PINE LEVEL

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES ORDINANCE

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Section 1 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.

A) It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge any rifle, gun, pistol, pellet gun, air gun, air pistol, or air rifle within the town, on or off premises, in sport or amusement.

B) Any person who shall knowingly and willfully permit his or her minor child under 18 years of age to discharge, fire, shoot, or operate, within the town any such air rifle, BB gun, or pellet gun, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Statutory reference:

Authority to regulate and restrict firearms, and pellet guns, See G.S. 160A-189 and 160A-190.

Section 2 DISTURBING PUBLIC MEETINGS.

It shall be unlawful to behave in a boisterous or indecent manner or to create any disturbance at or near any public entertainment or meeting.

Section 3 INJURING TOWN PROPERTY.

It shall be unlawful to injure, damage, deface, trespass upon, break, or injure any property belonging to the town.

Section 4 UNNECESSARY NOISE

It shall be unlawful for any person to create, or assist in creating, permit, continue, or permit the continuance of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise in the town. Noise of such character, intensity, and duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual is prohibited. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but the enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

A) The sounding of any horn, gunning of a motor, spinning of tires, or signal device or any device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or if in motion only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time;

B) The use of any gong or siren upon any vehicle, other than police, fire, or other emergency vehicle;

C) The use or operation of any piano, manual or automatic, phonograph, radio, loudspeaker, or any other instrument, or sound amplifying devices so loudly as to disturb persons in the vicinity thereof, or in such a manner as renders the same a public nuisance, however, on application to the Mayor, permits may be granted to responsible organizations to produce programs in music, speeches, or general entertainment;

D) The keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity;

E) The use of any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle so out of repair or so loaded in such manner as to create loud or unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise;

F) 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 danger;

G) The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises there from;

H) The use of any mechanical device operated by compressed air unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled and reduced;

I) The erection (including excavating), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building in a residential or business district other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, except in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public safety

and then only with a permit from the Building Inspector, which permit may be renewed for a period of three days or less while the emergency continues;

J) The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, or court while the same are in session, or within 150 feet of any hospital, which unreasonably interferes with the working of such institution, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in such streets indicating that the same is a school, court, or hospital street;

K) The creation of any excessive noise on Sundays on any street adjacent to any church, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in such streets adjacent to churches indicating that the same is a church street;

L) The creation of loud and excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading of any vehicle, or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates, and containers;

M) The sounding of any bell or gong attached to any building or premises, which disturbs the quiet or repose of persons in the vicinity thereof;

N) The shouting and crying of peddlers, barkers, hawkers, and vendors, which disturbs the quiet, and peace of the neighborhood; or anyone shouting within the corporate limits so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood;

O) The use of any drum, loudspeaker, or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise to any performance, show, sale, or display of merchandise;

P) The use of any mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving vehicles for advertising purposes or other purposes except where specific license is received from the Board of Commissioners; and

Q) The conducting, operating, or maintaining of any garage or filling station in any residential district, so as to cause loud or offensive noises to be emitted there from between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Section 5 PENALTY.

In accordance with G.S. 160A-175, violation of any provision hereof shall be a misdemeanor as provided in G.S. 14-4, punishable or conviction by a fine not exceeding \$50 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

Statutory reference:

Authority to regulate noises, see G.S. 160A-184

**AMENDMENT TO TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSE ORDINANCE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Miscellaneous Offense Ordinance of the Town of Pine Level is hereby amended to add the following Section 84.05 as to the shooting of arrows; except as to this amendment, the existing ordinance is not changed:

Section 84.05 Shooting of Arrows.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot arrows within the Town of Pine Level except that any lawful occupant of a parcel of land at least one (1) acre in size may shoot arrows at a backstop six (6) feet wide, six (6) feet high, and three (3) feet deep composed of hay or similar material reasonably constructed to catch the arrows.

This addition to the original ordinance shall become effective from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted this the 3rd day of May, 1988.

RUDOLPH JONES
MAYOR

ATTEST:
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