

#25 MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE ORDINANCE

Adopted by Town Meeting vote, March 18, 1995 – Article 13

No persons shall operate any vehicle on any way in the Town of Rye so as to make any loud, unusual, or unnecessary noise as hereinafter defined.

1. Definitions:

- a. Vehicle – The word “vehicle shall include bus, highway equipment, motorcycle, motor truck, motor vehicle, semi-trailer, sidecar, tractor, trailer, or other vehicle as defined by RSA 259:1.
- b. Way - The word “way” shall include crosswalk, intersecting way or other public highway, or other way, as defined by RSA 259:1.

2. Loud, Unusual, or Other Unnecessary Noise - The words “loud, unusual, or other unnecessary noise” shall include any noise occasioned by any one or more of the following actions of the operator of any vehicle:

- a. Misuse of power exceeding tire traction limits in acceleration, sometimes known as “laying down rubber” or “peeling rubber”, or
- b. Misuse of braking power exceeding tire traction limits in deceleration where there is no emergency, or
- c. Rapid acceleration by means of quick upshifting of transmission gears with either clutch and manual transmission or automatic transmission, or
- d. Rapid deceleration by means of quick downshifting of transmission or an automatic transmission, or
- e. Racing of engines by manipulation of the accelerator, gas pedal, carburetor, or gear selection whether the vehicle is in motion or standing still, or
- f. The blowing of any horn except as a warning signal or the use of any other noise making device whether the vehicle is in motion or standing still, or
- g. No sound reproduction systems operated within a motor vehicle shall be used in such a manner as to create unnecessary noise for any person other than the driver and the passengers in said vehicle.

3. Motorcycle mufflers - No motorcycle will be operated on a way within the Town of Rye in violation of 266:59-a.

4. Penalty and Validity

- a. Any person violating the penalties of this provision shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction thereof shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$100 for each offense.
- b. If any section or part of a section, or a paragraph of this article is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or sections, or part of a section or paragraph of this article.