

Sugar Island Twp Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
12/7/15

Present: Lorraine Carpentier, John Odell, Bud Willis

Absent: Bob Johnson, Terry Menard

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The minutes of 10/19/15 were reviewed and approved as amended.

Our efforts to locate a disk of the Sault Twp Ordinance and to scan our clean copy have not been successful. John agreed to price the scanning of the Sault Twp Ordinance onto computer disk and pass that information on to Bud and Sheila for board approval. At that point we can move forward by putting our revisions, deletions and additions to the ordinance, revise the zoning map, and submit to Gove Associates for review and comment.

The commission continued reviewing sample noise ordinances and created the following to be included in the Sugar Island Zoning Ordinance under Article V, 5.20.

Noise Control 5.20

General Prohibitions: It shall be unlawful for any person to make or continue or cause to be made or continued any excessive, unreasonable or unusually loud noise or to create a noise disturbance within the township. The following acts are declared to be unreasonably loud, disturbing, jarring, raucous, or excessive noise in violation of this ordinance, but said action shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

1. Radios, stereos, audio or visual equipment, sound equipment, sound amplification devices, television sets, exterior loudspeakers and similar devices...in such a manner as to cause noise disturbances so as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort neighbors.....
2. Animals...owning, keeping, possessing, or harboring any animal, bird or fowl which by frequent or habitual howling, barking, meowing, squawking, or other noise-making, cause a noise disturbance.....
3. Construction noise....operating or causing to be operated any equipment used in commercial construction, repair, alteration or demolition work between the hours of 7:00pm and 8:00am.....
4. Motor vehicle racing events such as operating or permitting the operation of any motor vehicle racing events at any place, except an authorized track.....
5. Miscellaneous noise....causing a noise disturbance by any means, which exceeds the noise level for that district as established below:

Maximum Noise Level Limits

Residential	10pm to 7am	55 dBA
	7am to 10pm	60 dBA
Commercial/ Waterfront/ Ag / Forest	10pm to 7am	60 dBA
	7am to 10pm	65 dBA

Selected Definitions:

Continuous noise....a steady, fluctuating, or impact noise which exists for a period of ten (10) minutes or more

Noise.....means any sound which annoys or disturbs or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on human beings.

Noise disturbance.....means any sound which is unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring, or annoys, disturbs, perturbs or is a nuisance to reasonable persons within the area of audibility or any sound which injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, hearing, peace, or safety of other persons, or exceeds the noise levels for that district as defined above.

Plainly audible noise....means any noise for which the information content of that noise is unambiguously communicated to the listener, such as, but not limited to, understandable spoken speech, comprehension of whether a voice is raised or normal, or comprehensible musical rhythms.

Property boundary.... Means an imaginary line exterior to any enclosed structure, at the ground surface, which separates the real property owned by one (1) person from that owned by another person, and its vertical extension.

Stationary noise source....means any device, fixed or moveable, which is located or used on property.

Steady noise.... Means a sound pressure level which remains essentially constant during the period of observation.