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Abatement of Nuisances Regulations (Prevention of Noise), 5752-1992

By the power vested in me under sections 5, 7 and 18 to the Abatement of Nuisances Law, 5721-1961 (hereafter – the Law), I make these regulations:

Definitions

1. In these regulations –

“dB(A)”, “structure”, “A-Weighted”, “noise level”, “measurement mode” – as defined in the Abatement of Nuisances Regulations (Unreasonable Noise), 5760-1990 (hereafter - Unreasonable Noise Regulations);

“Residential area” – an area defined as a residential area in the urban building plan, in accordance with planning and building laws, as well as an area which serves as a residential area in practice;

“Resting days” – the days determined as resting days in section 18a (a) of the Administration and Law Ordinance, 5708-1948;

“Property” – a unit or a part of a structure, such as: residential apartment, business;

“Vehicle” and “motor vehicle” – as per its meaning in the Transport Ordinance;

Noise from a motor vehicle, horn and silencer

2.

- a) A person shall not cause considerable noise from a motor vehicle but only in the measure required for the normal operation of the vehicle.
- b) On a municipal road as defined in regulation 1 of the Transport Regulations, 5721-1961 (hereafter – Transport Regulations), a person shall not operate a horn, bell, signal or means of warning and the like in a vehicle, unless –
 - 1) It is required for warning against a close danger which cannot be prevented otherwise;
 - 2) The operation of the aforesaid horn, bell, signal or means of warning does not continue and recur more than is necessary under the circumstances.
- c) The provisions of subregulation (b) shall also apply, with the necessary adjustments, to an emergency vehicle to which the provisions of regulation 62(a) and (b) and (2) of the Transport Regulations apply.
- d) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle or a motor boat unless a silencer or any other device that effectively prevents blast noise emanating from the exhaust is installed in the vehicle or boat exhaust.

Noise by sound generating devices

3.

- a) A person shall not sing nor shout nor operate a musical instrument, a radio receiver or television and shall not make noise by means of a record player, a speaker, an amplifier or sound generating devices and the like between the hours of 14.00 and 16.00 and between the hours 23.00 and 07.00 of the next day, in a residential area in one of these places:
 - 1) In the open air;
 - 2) In a place which is not in the open air but which is not closed from all sides towards the outside, or whose doors, windows or other openings are not all closed;
 - 3) In a structure that has residential units (hereafter – residential building).
- b) The provisions of subregulation (a) shall not apply to an action carried out by way of a party or celebration during one of these holidays:

- 1) Eves of Independence Day;
- 2) Eve of Purim ;
- 3) Eve of a resting day and night of a resting day – till midnight;
- 4) Eve of Jerusalem Day.

Repair and renovation works

4. A person shall not carry out nor allow carrying out, between the hours of 22.00 to 7.00 of the next day, repair or renovation works in a residential building, and shall not install devices in it during the aforesaid hours.

Machines

5. A person shall not operate nor allow operating a machine as per its meaning in the Abatement of Nuisances Regulations (Unreasonable Noise from Construction Equipment), 5739-1979, for the purposes of digging, construction or the like, in a residential area, between the hours of 19.00 and 06.00 of the next day and on resting days, unless the operation of the machine is urgently required for the prevention of danger or an unreasonable disturbance to public safety, health or security, or for the removal of the aforesaid danger or disturbance.

Movement of containers

6. A person shall not move nor allow moving, between the hours of 22.00 and 06.00 of the next day and on resting days, garbage cans, containers, barrels, gas cylinders and the like, in a manner that causes or might cause noise.

Announcements and advertisement

7. A person shall not operate nor allow operation in a residential area an amplifier or a like device that calls attention to a sale or purchase of goods, a supply of services, a performance, a show, making an announcement or another advertisement.

Beating carpets

8. A person shall not beat a carpet, mattress or like objects between the hours of 14.00 and 16.00 and between the hours of 19.00 and 07.00 of the next day.

Alarm system in a property

9.
 - a) A person shall not install nor activate, whether by himself or through another, an alarm system in a property, except in accordance with these provisions:
 - 1) The activation of the alarm system shall cause a controlled operation of the alarm bell (hereafter- the siren) for a period of six minutes at most, after which period the siren shall cease to operate by itself and shall not be operated again until after being reset manually or automatically;
 - 2) The activation of the alarm system shall not produce a noise whose level, at a distance of one meter from the source of the noise and when the measurement is taken in a "fast" measurement mode, exceeds –
 - 1) 87 dB(A) – in a residential area;
 - 2) 95 dB (A) – in a non residential area.
 - b) The owner of the property is responsible for the system's proper function and for the immediate cessation of its operation in case of breakdown or malfunction.
 - c) The owner of the property shall install in a visible place, next to the property's entrance door, a sign specifying in clear and legible writing the name and phone number of a person authorized on his behalf to deal with the alarm system in case of breakdown or malfunction and to stop the operation of the siren; where the property is a business as per its meaning in the Licensing of Businesses Law, 5728-1968 – the property owner shall specify in the aforesaid sign also the name and phone number of the owner or manager of the business; the owner of the property shall keep the sign in proper and legible order at any time.
 - d) Whoever is summoned to stop a noise emanating from a siren that operates in contravention to the provision of subregulation (a)(1), shall do so as soon as possible

and within a period of time that will not exceed 30 minutes, and this in any hour of the day and all year round.

- e) Where operation of a siren was not stopped after the period of time aforesaid in subregulation (d), a policeman or whomever the Minister of Environmental Protection has permitted to do so, may take the necessary steps to stop the siren's operation, and the expenses involved shall be incurred by the owner of the property.
- f) The aforesaid shall not derogate from the power to demand, under any law, from an owner of a property to be connected to a security company's center.

Alarm system in a motor vehicle

10.

- a) A person shall not install nor activate, whether by himself or through another, an alarm system in a motor vehicle, except in accordance with these provisions:
 - 1) The operation of the siren shall not continue for more than one minute each time and for not more than three cumulative minutes in a period of five minutes; after this period of time the siren shall cease to operate by itself and shall not be operated again until after being reset manually or automatically;
 - 2) The alarm system is installed in a way that is given to activation only by one or more of these: the breaking of the vehicle's window, opening of the vehicle's engine cover or trunk door or one of the doors;
 - 3) The siren shall only begin operating 15 seconds after the opening of one of the vehicle's doors or the trunk door or the engine cover;
 - 4) The activation of the alarm system shall not cause noise whose level, at a distance of one meter from the vehicle, exceeds 87 dB(A), when the measurement is taken in a "fast" measurement mode.
- b) The owner of the vehicle is responsible for the operating order of the alarm system in his vehicle and for the immediate cessation of its operation in case of breakdown or malfunction.

- c) The owner of a vehicle in which an alarm system is installed and operated, shall install in a visible place on one of the vehicle's windows a sign specifying in clear and legible writing the name and phone number of a person authorized on his behalf to deal with the alarm system in case of breakdown or malfunction and to stop the operation of the siren; the owner of the vehicle shall keep the sign in proper and legible order at any time; in the matter of this regulation, "sign" – including a sticker.
- d) The provisions of section 9(d) and (e) shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, also in the matter of vehicle alarms.

Noise of air conditioners and compressors

11. A person shall not operate nor allow another to operate an air conditioner, compressor or a like device –

- 1) In a place as specified in regulation 3(a)(1) to (3) and in a manner that produces a considerable noise that disturbs or that is liable to disturb neighbors;
- 2) In a place and manner that causes or is liable to cause an unreasonable noise as per its meaning in section 2 to the Unreasonable Noise Regulations.

Preventing new air conditioner noise

12.

- a) A manufacturer or an importer of a new air conditioner shall mark on the back of the air conditioner in a clear and legible manner details regarding –
 - 1) The maximum sound power of the air conditioner, as specified in Israeli Standard 994 part 3;
 - 2) The distances from the air conditioner, outside the building, in which maximal noise levels shall not exceed 40 dB(A), 45 dB(A), 50 dB(A), 55 dB(A), 60 dB(A), 65 dB(A), 70 dB(A), 75 dB(A) and 80 dB(A), in order to enable compliance with the noise levels determined in the First Schedule of the Unreasonable Noise Regulations.
- b) A person shall not market nor supply nor sell an air conditioner, unless an explanation sheet is attached to it and delivered to the consumer which specifies, among others,

instructions and technical conditions on the manner of installation and use of the air conditioner, in a manner that will not cause the violation of the provisions of the Law and the its ensuing regulations.

- c) A person shall not install an air conditioner nor allow another to install an air conditioner, except subject to the provisions and stipulations as specified in subregulations (a) and (b).

Animal noise

- 13. A person who keeps animals in his home, property or yards, shall keep them in a place and in a manner that does not cause considerable noise which disturbs the neighbors.

Noise measurement

- 14. Noise level measurement and determination, in the matter of these regulations, shall be performed in accordance with the provisions of the Abatement of Unreasonable Noise Regulations, except in the matter of determining the distance of measuring an alarm system's noise, which shall be conducted as specified in regulation 9(a).

Noise heard in a residential area

- 15. The prohibitions imposed under these regulations on causing noise in a residential area, shall also apply to causing noise outside a residential area, if that noise causes a disturbance or a nuisance in a residential area.

Reservation

- 16. The provisions of these regulations shall not apply to causing noise that is not heard outside the private domain of the person causing it.

Penalties

17. A person who violates one of the provisions of these regulations is liable to six months imprisonment or a fine as aforesaid in section 40(2) of the Penal Law, 5737-1977, or both penalties at the same time.

Repeal

18. Abatement of Nuisances Regulations (Prevention of Noise), 5726-1966 – repealed.

Commencement

- 19.
- a) These regulations shall enter into force – except for regulations 9, 10 and 12 – 60 days from the day of their publication.
 - b) Regulations 9, 10 and 12 shall enter into force six months from the day of their publication.