

# Town of Castleton www.castletonvermont.org Noise Ordinance amendment

At the 12/11/2023 Selectboard meeting the following changes were adopted to the Town's Noise Ordinance:

The present Castleton noise ordinance was enforced after 11:00 PM each day in accordance to existing years of practice and the Town's ordinance, leaving the discretion to the enforcing police officer to issue a civil fine. During the past (2) years the Castleton Police Department received numerous complaints of noise ordinance violations before 11:00 PM.

After months of research, in collaboration with the Chief of Police, we decreased the time to 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM and instituted a standardized decibel rating of 70 dBA (decibels A) to measure violations that occur during those hours. The new ordinance also maintains officer discretion when enforcing the ordinance during other times. There is a list of exceptions to the enforcement of the Ordinance.

\*For questions about the updates to the ordinance please contact:

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The full text may be examined either online at <u>www.castletonvermont.org</u> or at the Town Office.

Citizens have the right to petition for a vote on the ordinance by obtaining a petition with signatures of 5% of the voting population of Castleton.

Signatures obtained must be registered voters in the Town of Castleton, Vermont

and verified by the Town Clerk.

## The ordinance as adopted will take effect on February 9, 2024, if no petition is received.

263 Route 30 North