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| 6 | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE V OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, |
| 8 | KNOWN AS THE "NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA"; AMENDING |
| 10 | PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEFINITIONS, SOUND LEVEL LIMITS, STANDARDS FOR MEASURING SOUND, |
| 12 | EXEMPTIONS, VARIANCES, AND METHODS OF ENFORCEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE |
| 14 | DATE. |
| 16 | WHEREAS, in October 1986, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") enacted the Noise Control Ordinance of Orange County, Florida (the "Noise Control County") |
| 18 | Ordinance"); |
| 20 | WHEREAS, the Board subsequently amended the Noise Control Ordinance in the years of 1995, 2008, and 2014; and |
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| 24 | WHEREAS, the Board desires to further amend the Noise Control Ordinance to amend definitions, the maximum allowable sound level limits, and certain other provisions of the Noise Control Ordinance. |
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| | BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE |
| 28 | COUNTY: |
| | Section 1. Amendments to the Noise Control Ordinance. Chapter 15, article V of the |
| 30 | Orange County Code, consisting of sections 15-176 through 15-215, is hereby amended to read as |
| | follows, with additions being shown by underlines and deletions being shown by strike-throughs: |
| 32 | ARTICLE V. NOISE POLLUTION CONTROL |
| 34 | Sec. 15-176. Title. |
| 36 | This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Noise Control Ordinance of Orange County, Florida." |
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Sec. 15-177. Authority.

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This article is enacted pursuant to Article II, § 7, Florida Constitution, which provides that adequate provision shall be made 42 by law for the abatement of excessive and unnecessary noise, and under the home rule power of Orange County, Florida, specifically, 44 F.S. § 125.01(1), and the County Charter. 46 Sec. 15-178. Scope. 48 This article shall be effective throughout the unincorporated area of the county. 50 Sec. 15-179. Purpose; intent; authority and responsibility of 52 environmental protection officer and investigating officer. 54 The purpose of this article is to prevent, prohibit, and also provide for the abatement of, excessive and unnecessary noise, 56 known as noise disturbance, in order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of people of the county. 58 60 (b) It is the intent of this article to clearly define and describe the respective authority and responsibility under this article for the environmental protection officer and the investigating officer 62 relating to noise disturbance investigation and enforcement, unless the noise disturbance is otherwise exempt under this article. 64 (c) Nothing in this article is intended to deter individuals 66 from lawfully exercising the individual right of freedom of speech, or any other freedoms guaranteed under the Constitution of the 68 United States of America or the Constitution of the State of Florida. or to unreasonably limit or restrain commercial or industrial 70 enterprises. 72 The environmental protection officer shall have the authority pursuant to this article to investigate and, if applicable, 74 issue a notice of violation or civil citation as provided in this article in any case involving a noise disturbance emanating from residential 76 property under construction or a nonresidential property that exceeds the allowable limits set forth in section 15-182 of this 78 article. 80 The investigating officer shall have the authority pursuant to this article to investigate and, if applicable, issue a civil 82

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or criminal citation for a violation of the plainly audible standard, as established in section 15-183(b), and noise disturbance complaints

which may involve the consumption of alcohol or any suspected

illegal activities and noise disturbance complaints involving "breach 86 of the peace" as defined in F.S. § 877.03. 88 Sec. 15-180. Terminology, standards, and definitions. 90 Terminology and standards. All technical acoustical terminology and standards used in this article that are not defined in 92 subsection (b) shall be read or construed in conformance with the American National Standards Institute, Inc., ("ANSI") publication 94 entitled "Acoustical Terminology," designated as ANSI standard 1.1-1994. 96 (b) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, 98 when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, unless the context clearly indicates a different 100 meaning: 102 A-weighted sound pressure level shall mean the sound (1) pressure level, in decibels, as measured on a sound level 104 meter using the A-weighting network. The level so read shall be designated as dB (A-wt). 106 ANSI shall mean the American National Standards 108 Institute, Inc. 110 Background noise level shall mean the sound pressure level of the all-encompassing noise emanating from a 112 given environment, usually being a composite of sounds from many sources. 114 Breach of the peace shall mean as defined in F.S. § 116 877.03. 118 Construction shall mean any site preparation, assembly, erection, substantial repair, alteration, or similar action, 120 for or on public or private thoroughfares, structures, utilities or similar property. 122 Decibel or dB shall mean a unit for describing the 124 amplitude of sound, equal to twenty (20) times the logarithm to the base ten (10) of the ratio of the pressure 126 of the sound measured to the reference pressure, which is twenty (20) micronewtons per square meter. 128 130 Development permit shall have the meaning as described in F.S. § 163.3164.

| 132 | (8) | Demolition shall mean any dismantling, destructing or |
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| 134 | (0) | razing of structures, utilities, public or private thoroughfares, or similar property. |
| 136 | (9) | Distance measuring device shall mean an electronic |
| 138 | (2) | device that utilizes global positioning (GPS) software or a similar software application, such as Google Maps or |
| 140 | | Google Earth; a measuring wheel; counting paces; a speed measurement device, such as a device used by law |
| 142 | | enforcement agencies; or other means or methods utilized to reasonably estimate distances. |
| 144 | (10) | Emergency shall mean any occurrence or circumstance |
| 146 | (-) | involving actual or imminent physical death or trauma, environmental harm, or property damage, demanding |
| 148 | | immediate emergency work or service. |
| 150 | (11) | Emergency work or emergency service shall mean any labor performed for the purpose of preventing or |
| 152 | | alleviating, or attempting to prevent or alleviate, physical trauma or property damage threatened or caused by an |
| 154 | | emergency, or work by private or public utilities when restoring utility service. |
| 156 | (12) | Environmental protection officer shall mean the county |
| 158 | (12) | environmental protection officer, as defined in this chapter, or his/her designee. |
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| 162 | (13) | Equivalent sound pressure level (Leq) shall mean a sound level descriptor based on the average acoustic intensity over time. Leq is intended as a single number |
| 164 | | indicator to describe the mean energy or intensity level over a specified period of time during which the sound |
| 166 | | level fluctuated, Leq is measured in dB and must be A-weighted. |
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| 170 | (14) | <i>Impulsive sound</i> shall mean a sound of short duration, usually less than one second and of high intensity, with an abrupt onset and rapid decay. Examples of sources of |
| 172 | | impulsive sound include explosions, or pile driver impacts. |
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| 176 | (15) | Intermittent sound shall mean a sound of greater than one second duration and less than fifteen (15) minutes. Examples of sources of intermittent sound are air |
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| 178 | | compressors, heating and air conditioning units and PA speakers. |
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| 182 | (16) | Investigating officer shall mean the Orange County Sheriff or duly authorized Orange County Deputy Sheriff. |
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| 186 | (17) | Motor vehicle shall mean any vehicle defined as "motor vehicle" by F.S. § 320.01(1). |
| 188 | (18) | <i>Noise</i> or <i>noise disturbance</i> , for purposes of this article, shall mean any sound produced in such quantity and for |
| 190 | | such duration that it annoys, disturbs or injures a reasonable individual of normal sensitivities, and |
| 192 | | exceeds the sound level limits set forth in this article or |
| 194 | | is plainly audible. Further, <i>noise</i> or <i>noise disturbance</i> includes, but is not limited to, low frequency sounds caused by amplified bass music that can induce vibration |
| 196 | | in building structures or human beings. |
| 198 | (19) | Noise-sensitive zone shall mean a quiet zone where serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance, |
| 200 | | which is open or in session. Noise-sensitive zones |
| 202 | | include schools, public libraries, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, and other areas defined as such pursuant to a resolution adopted by the board of county |
| 204 | | commissioners. |
| 206 | (20) | Person shall mean an individual, association, partnership, or corporation, including any officer, |
| 208 | | employee, department, agency or instrumentality of the United States, the state or any political subdivision |
| 210 | | thereof. |
| 212 | (21) | Plainly audible shall mean any sound produced or reproduced by any source that can be clearly heard by a |
| 214 | | person using his/her normal hearing faculties, at a distance as defined in subsection 15-183(b)(1) from the |
| 216 | | property line or right-of-way line of the source of the sound. When the particular sound or noise involves |
| 218 | | words or phrases, sound or noise may be deemed as "clearly heard" even though the investigating officer |
| 220 | | cannot determine the specific words or phrases being uttered or produced. The detection of a rhythmic bass |
| 222 | | vibrating component of music or type of noise |

sound or noise. 224 (22) Property line shall mean an imaginary line along the 226 surface of land or water, and its vertical plane extension, which separates the real property owned, rented or leased 228 by a person from the real property owned, rented or leased by another person. Where the real property 230 owned, rented or leased by a person abuts a waterbody, the term "property line" shall mean the established 232 normal high water elevation of the waterbody. 234 (23) Public right-of-way shall mean any street, avenue, boulevard, highway, sidewalk, alley, or similar place 236 normally accessible to the public which is owned or controlled by the state, county, or municipality. 238 (24) Residential area shall mean an area of unincorporated 240 Orange County that predominantly includes residential properties, i.e., single-family and multifamily dwellings, 242 townhouses or timeshare condominiums. 244 (25) Sound shall mean an oscillation in pressure, stress, particle displacement, particle velocity or other physical 246 parameter, in a medium with internal forces. The description of sound may include any characteristic of 248 such sound, including duration, intensity, and frequency. 250 (26) Sound level shall mean the weighted sound pressure level obtained by the use of a metering characteristic and 252 weighting A as specified in American National Standards Institute specifications for sound level meters 254 (ANSI standard 1.4-1983). If the weighting employed is not indicated, the A-weighting shall apply. 256 (27) Sound level meter shall mean an instrument which 258 includes a microphone, amplifier, RMS detector, integrator or time averager, output meter, and weighting 260 network used to measure sound pressure levels. The output meter reads sound pressure level when properly 262 calibrated. The sound level meter shall be of Type 2 or better, as specified in the American National Standards 264 Institute publication entitled "Specifications Integrating-Averaging Sound Level Meters" designated 266 as ANSI standard S1.43-1997 (R2007) and any subsequent revision thereof. 268

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| 270 | (28) Sound pressure shall mean the instantaneous difference between the actual pressure and the average or |
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| 272 | barometric pressure at a given point in space, as produced by the presence of sound energy. |
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| 276 | (29) Sound pressure level shall mean a twenty (20) times the logarithm to the base ten (10) of the ratio of the root mean square sound pressure to the reference pressure of |
| 278 | twenty (20) micronewtons per meter squared. The sound pressure level is denoted Lp (or SPL) and is expressed in |
| 280 | decibels. |
| 282 | (30) Special event shall mean an event for which the County has issued a special event permit, as defined in chapter |
| 284 | 38 of the Orange County Code, as it may be amended, |
| 286 | renumbered or replaced, that is subject to certain requirements and conditions, including conditions for limitations on the hours and sound produced by the |
| 288 | event, such as an Outdoor Public Assembly Permit, |
| 290 | Block Party Permit, Special Outdoor Event Permit and similar special event permits. |
| 292 | (31) <i>Unamplified human voice</i> shall mean a human voice that is not enhanced or intensified in volume, effect, or force, |
| 294 | through the use of an amplifier, such as electronic or mechanical equipment. |
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| 298 | (32) <i>Vehicle</i> shall mean any means in or by which someone travels or something is carried or conveyed, including, but not limited to, cars, trucks, trailers, and motorcycles. |
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| | Sec. 15-181. Findings of fact. |
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| 304 | (a) Excessive and unnecessary noise interferes with the quality of life and can interfere with the health, safety and general |
| 306 | welfare of the public. |
| 300 | (b) In particular, excessive and unnecessary noise can cause |
| 308 | adverse psychological and physiological effects on humans. |
| 310 | (c) A substantial body of science and technology exists by which noise may be measured and substantially abated. |
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| 314 | (d) The provisions and prohibitions contained in this article are enacted in pursuance of and for the purpose of securing and |

promoting the public health, safety, welfare and quality of life in the county for its inhabitants.

Sec. 15-182. Maximum permissible sound levels; land use

categories; times; and measurement descriptors.

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TABLE 1
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SOUND LEVEL LIMITS
(measured with sound level meter)

| Land Use Category | Measurement | Time of Day | Sound Level Limit |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Noise Sensitive Zone | Time Averaged | Any time | 55 dBA |
| | (Leq) | | |
| | Impulsive | 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. | 60 dBA |
| | Impulsive | 10:01 p.m.—6:59 a.m. | Not allowed |
| Residential Area | Time Averaged | 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. | 60 dBA |
| | (Leq) | | |
| | Time Averaged | 10:01 p.m.—6:59 a.m. | 55 dBA |
| | (Leq) | | |
| | Impulsive | 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. | 65 dBA |
| | Impulsive | 10:01 p.m.—6:59 a.m. | Not allowed |

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Sec. 15-183. Measurement or assessment of noise.

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(a) Measurement with a sound level meter.

- (1) Sound shall be measured with an integrating-averaging sound level meter satisfying at least the applicable requirements for a Type 2 meter or better, as specified in the American National Standard Institute publication entitled, "Specifications for Integrating-Averaging Sound Level Meters" designated as ANSI standard S1.1-2013.
- (2) Calibration of all instruments, components, and attachments shall conform to the latest ANSI standards.
- (3) Measurements of sound under this subsection shall be made by individuals trained in a noise measurement program approved by the county.
- (4) Sound shall be measured outdoors, no closer than the nearest noise sensitive zone or residential area property line.

| 348 350 | | (5) | | all be measured for a period a inutes in duration, except as $o(6)$ and $o(a)(7)$. | |
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| 352 | | (6) | minute period. | ounds shall be measured with A minimum five minute Leq | of the sound |
| 354 | | | shall be require | ed to evaluate if a violation ex | xists. |
| 356 | | (7) | Impulsive sour of the sound. | nds shall be measured for only | the duration |
| 358 | | (9) | Event when | n site conditions are | nnahihitiya |
| 360 | | (8) | | n site conditions are shall be taken at approximate and at least or water surface and at least l | • |
| 362 | | | _ | obstruction or reflecting sur | |
| 364 | | (9) | | ackground noise levels which | |
| 366 | | | maximum allo | wable noise level will be thr levels of Table 1, or one | ee dB above |
| 368 | | | | hichever is greater. | |
| 370 | (b) | Asse | ssment of noise | without sound level meter. | |
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| 378 | | 1 | LAINL1 AUD | IBLE STANDARD SOUND | LIMITS |
| | Underlying Land (from which nois | | | Time of Day | Distance |
| | Residential Area | | | 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. | 100 feet or more |
| | | | | 10:01 p.m.—6:59 a.m. | 50 feet or more |
| | Nonresidential A | rea | | 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. | 200 feet or more |
| | | | | 10:01 p.m.—6:59 a.m. | 100 feet or more |
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| 388 | | such distance, according to the following standards, to |
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| 390 | | determine whether the sound constitutes a noise disturbance: |
| 392 | a. | The primary means of detection shall be the investigating officer's normal hearing faculties, |
| 394 | | provided the investigating officer's hearing is not enhanced by any mechanical or medical device, such as |
| 396 | | a hearing aid. |
| 398 | b. | The investigating officer shall have a direct line of sight and hearing to the real property that is the source of the |
| 400 | | sound so that the investigating officer can identify the offending source of such sound and the distance |
| 402 | | involved. |
| 404 | c. | The investigating officer shall use a distance measuring device to measure the distances defined in subsection 15- |
| 406 | | 183(b)(1). |
| 408 | Sec. 15-18 | 34. Prohibited acts. |
| 410 | - | ect to the provisions of sections 15-185 and 15-186, no all produce, cause to be produced, or allow to be produced, |
| 412 | by any m | leans, any noise disturbance on any private or public including a right-of-way, when such noise is plainly |
| 414 | audible or | when such noise is measured pursuant to section 15-183 e applicable, exceeds the applicable sound level limits set |
| 416 | | ction 15-182. |
| 418 | Sec. 15-18 | 35. Exemptions. |
| 420 | The following | provisions of section 15-184 shall not apply to the sounds: |
| 422 | | Lawn maintenance activities, from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 |
| 424 | p.m.; | Lawn maintenance activities, from 7.00 a.m. until 9.00 |
| 426 | (b) accordance | Railway locomotives or cars activity conducted in e with federal laws and regulations; |
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| 430 | (c) until 10:00 | Church or clock carillons, bells or chimes from 7:00 a.m. p.m.; |
| 432 | (d) with feder | Aircraft and airport activity conducted in accordance al laws and regulations; |

| 434 | (a) I ary anforcement activities including training |
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| 436 | (e) Law enforcement activities, including training; |
| 438 | (f) Emergency signals during emergencies; |
| 440 | (g) Emergency signal testing between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; |
| 442 | (h) Emergency work or emergency service; |
| 444 | (i) Generators used during or as a result of an emergency; |
| 446 | (j) Intermittent testing of generators and emergency |
| 448 | equipment between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., consisting of no more than two intermittent periods of 20 minutes each for testing within any consecutive two hour period of time, with the exception that |
| 450 | temporary generators that are used to provide electrical power during an electrical power outage are exempt from such time |
| 452 | limitations, provided that the generator or emergency equipment is operated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, with |
| 454 | all standard equipment, and is in proper operating condition; |
| 456 | (k) Motor vehicles operating on a public right-of-way subject to F.S. § 316.293 and applicable federal criteria; |
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| 460 | (1) Refuse collection vehicles, including street sweepers, while in the process of performing their intended activities; |
| 462 | (m) Construction or demolition activities, other than the placement of concrete as described in subsection (n) below, for |
| 464 | which the county has issued a development permit, provided such activity occurs between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.; |
| 466 | n) Placement of concrete associated with nonresidential |
| 468 | development activities, for which the county has issued a development permit, when conducted between 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 |
| 470 | p.m. If placement of concrete is planned to occur prior to 7:00 a.m., notice shall be provided to surrounding residential areas or noise |
| 472 | sensitive zones within a maximum period of no more than fourteen (14) calendar days and a minimum period of forty-eight (48) hours' |
| 474 | notice prior to commencement of the scheduled date of the placement of concrete. No more than one alternative date for the |
| 476 | scheduled date of the placement of concrete shall be provided in such notice. The notice, and any subsequent changes in the |
| 478 | anticipated or alternative date for the placement of concrete, shall be provided to the Environmental Protection Division and shall be |
| | provided to the Environmental Protection Division and shall be |

| 480 | distributed in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Environmental Protection Division. A copy of |
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| 482 | the notice and distribution list shall be provided to the environmental protection officer at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to |
| 484 | commencement of such concrete placement activity; |
| 486 | (o) Construction activities related to city, county, state or federal roads, highways or freeways; |
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| | (p) Scheduled organized activities at a publicly-owned or |
| 490 | operated facility; |
| 492 | (q) The supervised public display of fireworks by fair associations, amusement parks, and other organizations or groups of |
| 494 | individuals under the authority of and in compliance with public assembly permits issued by the county and other applicable |
| 496 | requirements of law; |
| 498 | (r) Unamplified human voice; |
| 500 | (s) Any motor vehicle engaged in a professional or amateur sanctioned, competitive sports event for which admission or entry |
| 502 | fee is charged, or practice or time trials for such event, at a facility being used for such purposes as of October 15, 1995; and |
| 504 | being used for such purposes as or sectorer 13, 1993, and |
| | (t) A special event, as defined in this article, provided that |
| 506 | the special event is conducted in accordance with the requirements |
| | and conditions of the special event permit. |
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| | Sec. 15-186. Variances. |
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| | (a) The environmental protection officer may grant a |
| 512 | variance from any provision of section 15-182 or 15-184. |
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| 514 | (b) Any request for a variance from the requirements of this |
| £1 <i>(</i> | article shall be considered by the environmental protection officer |
| 516 | and granted only when it is found that hardship would result from strict compliance with the provision from which a variance is |
| 518 | sought. The environmental protection officer shall grant approval of |
| 310 | a variance upon the determination that (1) the hardship is not self- |
| 520 | imposed; (2) the variance is necessary; and (3) the intent and |
| | purposes of this article are achieved in granting the variance. |
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| | (c) Any person seeking a variance shall submit an |
| 524 | application to the environmental protection officer. At a minimum, the applicant shall provide the following information: |
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| 526 | (1) | Identification of applicant; |
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| 530 | (2) | Applicant's mailing address; |
| 532 | (3) | Legal description of property from which the sound will emanate; |
| 534 | (4) | Description of source of sound; |
| 536 | (5) | Description of sound; |
| 538 | (6) | Names and addresses of all abutting property owners; |
| 540 | (7) | Facts and reasons justifying a variance; and |
| 542 | (8) | Noise compliance and compatibility study. |
| 544 | (d) | The applicant for a variance shall tender an application |
| 546 | iee in an a | mount determined by the board of county commissioners. |
| 548 | _ | The environmental protection officer shall schedule a the variance application. The environmental protection all notify the applicant for a variance and all abutting |
| 550 | property o | wners no less than ten (10) days before the hearing of the |
| 552 | from a co | and place of the hearing. If the variance application stems mplaint, then the environmental protection officer shall complainant. |
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| 556 | | At the hearing, the applicant may submit any relevant or testimony. In deciding whether to grant or deny the |
| 558 | hardship w | n, the environmental protection officer shall consider the which will result to the applicant, the community, and other the various is not granted, versus the adverse impact on |
| 560 | the health, | the variance is not granted, versus the adverse impact on safety, and general welfare of persons if the variance is he environmental protection officer shall grant or deny the |
| 562 | variance a | pplication no later than ten (10) days after the date of the In granting or denying a variance application, the |
| 564 | environme | ental protection officer shall state in writing on the in the reasons for the decision. If the decision is to grant |
| 566 | the applica | ation, the environmental protection officer shall set forth and conditions of the variance. |
| 568 | ane terms (| and conditions of the variance. |
| 570 | | Any person aggrieved by the decision of the ental protection officer may appeal pursuant to the of section 15-38. |

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Sec. 15-187. Enforcement/penalty.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provisions of this article, or any provisions of any resolution enacted pursuant to this article. The provisions of this article may be enforced by issuance of a letter of warning, a notice of violation, civil citation, or criminal citation. Any person not in compliance with this article, or any provisions of any resolution enacted pursuant to the authority of this article, may be prosecuted in accordance with chapter 11 of this Code or as provided in section 1-9 of this Code. Each violation shall be considered a separate offense.

- When a complaint is investigated by the environmental protection officer, pursuant to subsection 15-179(c), and a determination is made that a violation of this article has occurred without the issuance of the appropriate variance or special event permit as provided in sections 15-186 and 15-187 of this article, or not in accordance with this article, the environmental protection officer shall promptly issue a letter of warning, written notice of violation, or civil citation. If and when issued, a civil citation shall be issued pursuant to the requirements provided at F.S. § 162.21, which shall be punishable by a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the first offense and four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for the second offense. A third and each subsequent violation of the same provision requires a mandatory court appearance and may be punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). All such fines are shown in Table 3 in subsection 15-187(f). If and when issued, a notice of violation shall include a description of the site where the violation has occurred, cite the provisions of this article and other applicable laws that have been violated, and set forth the required remedial action or actions to be taken as deemed reasonable and necessary by the county. Such remedial action may include:
 - (1) Modification of the structure or business causing the violation in order to comply with applicable local, state or federal laws or regulations;
 - (2) Any other actions consistent with the purpose and intent of this article or other applicable laws in order to ameliorate the adverse impacts of the violation; and
 - (3) Administrative and civil penalties.
- (c) (1) When a noise complaint is received and referred to the investigating officer for investigation, pursuant to subsection 15-

| 618 | 179(d), and upon personal investigation the investigating officer finds probable cause to believe the owner or operator of the real |
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| 620 | property at issue is in violation of this article, the investigating |
| 0_0 | officer may issue a written warning to cease and desist the violation. |
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| 624 | (2) If the owner or operator of the real property does not take corrective action regarding such a cease and desist |
| 626 | warning within a reasonable time, which is defined to be five minutes or less, or if the noise or sound is abated after the warning and then reoccurs within one hundred |
| 628 | eighty (180) days of the time of abatement, the owner or |
| 630 | operator of the real property at issue may be found guilty of a civil infraction, with a maximum penalty in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). |
| 632 | (3) Upon determination that a violation of this article has occurred, the investigating officer may issue a civil |
| 634 | citation pursuant to the requirements provided at F.S. § 162.21, which shall be punishable by a fine of two |
| 636 | hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the first offense and four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for the second offense. A third |
| 638 | and each subsequent violation of the same provision requires a mandatory court appearance and may be |
| 640 | punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by criminal citation as provided in section 1-9 of this |
| 642 | Code. All such fines are shown in Table 3 in subsection 15-187(f). |
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| | (d) If the person cited elects to pay the applicable reduced |
| 646 | civil penalty for a first or second violation, the person shall be |
| | deemed to have admitted the infraction and waived the right to a |
| 648 | hearing. If the person cited fails to pay the civil penalty by the |
| | fourteenth day after issuance of the citation or fails to request a court |
| 650 | hearing within the time prescribed, the person shall have waived any |
| | right to contest the citation, and a judgment shall be entered against |
| 652 | the person cited in an amount up to the maximum civil penalty, |
| | which shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). |
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| | (e) Any person violating this article shall be liable for all |
| 656 | costs incurred by the county in connection with enforcing this article or any provisions of any resolution enacted pursuant to this article, |
| 658 | including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and investigative and court costs. |
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| | (f) Enforcement and penalty summary table. |
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| Enforcing Agency | Property Type | Penalty Type | Associated Fine |
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| | Industrial, Commercial, or Residential | Notice of Violation | No fine (written warning only) |
| Orange County Environmental | | Civil Citation – 1st Offense | \$200 |
| Protection | | Civil Citation – 2nd Offense | \$400 |
| Division (EPD) | | Civil Citation – 3rd Offense (includes mandatory court appearance) | Up to \$500.00 fine or criminal citation |
| | Residential and Nonresidential | Cease and Desist Violation | No fine (written warning only) |
| Orange County | | Civil Citation – 1st Offense | \$200 |
| Sheriff's Office | | Civil Citation – 2nd Offense | \$400 |
| (OCSO) | | Civil Citation – 3rd Offense (includes mandatory court appearance) | \$Up to a \$500 fine or criminal citation |

Footnote: If a repeat violation is found, the case may be presented to the Special Magistrate, in accordance with chapter 11 of this Code or as provided in section 1-9 of this Code.

Sec. 15-188. No liability for reasonable, good faith trespass by enforcement officer or authorized designee or sheriff or deputy sheriff.

The environmental protection officer, the investigating officer, any other authorized code enforcement officer, and the county shall be immune from prosecution, civil or criminal, for reasonable, good faith trespass upon private property while in the discharge of duties under this article.

Sec. 15-189. Reserved.

Sec. 15-190. Reserved.

Sec. 15-191. Administration.

The board of county commissioners may adopt such resolutions as are necessary to effectively administer this article.

Secs. 15-192—15-215. Reserved.

| 690 | Section 2. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect pursuant to general law |
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| | ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA |
| 694 | By: Board of County Commissioners |
| 696 | By: |
| | Jerry L. Demings |
| 698 | Orange County Mayor |
| 700 | ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller |
| | As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners |
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| 704 | Deputy Clerk |
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