**NOTICE OF FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE**

Notice is hereby given of Final Passage by the Berlin Town Council of the Amendments to the Noise Ordinance.

7-61 Definitions.

NEW

AMBIENT SOUND – The sound level at a given location that exists as a result of the combined contribution in that location of all sound sources, excluding the contribution of a source or sources under investigation for violation of this Ordinance and excluding the contribution of extraneous sound sources. For purposes of the enforcement of this Ordinance, the ambient sound level of a given location may be determined based upon measurements taken at a comparable site (which includes but is not limited to comparable physical locations and time of day) in the nearby area.

* 1. Sound levels.

NEW

F. Allowable Decibel Levels – Octave Band Measurement.

If the emitting source produces a “pure tone” condition, defined for purposes of this Ordinance as occurring when any third octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeds the two adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by 3 decibels or more, such condition shall be a violation of this Ordinance.

No person shall cause or permit a sound source operating in connection with any commercial or business enterprise to exceed the decibel levels in the designated octave bands shown immediately below as measured within a receiving property as specified therein.

*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| *Octave Band Frequency (Hz)* | *Max Sound Pressure Levels (dB) as measured within a receiving property as specified below* |
| *Residential receiving property for mixed use buildings and residential buildings (as measured within any room of the residential portion of the building with windows open, if possible).* | *Commercial receiving property (as measured within any room containing offices within the building with windows open, if possible).* |
| *31.5* | *70* | *74* |
| *63* | *61* | *64* |
| *125* | *53* | *56* |
| *250* | *46* | *50* |
| *500* | *40* | *45* |
| *1000* | *36* | *41* |
| *2000* | *34* | *39* |
| *4000* | *33* | *38* |
| *8000* | *32* | *37* |

7-67 Exemptions.

NEW LANGUAGE IN BOLD

E. Noise generated by the operation of any mechanically powered or gasoline powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn, landscaping, or garden tool, leaf blower, or other domestic power tool or equipment between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. **on weekdays and Saturdays and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays and Holidays** provided that the noise generated therefrom does not exceed the limits set forth in §§ 7-62 and 7-63. This section does not apply to the use of snow-removal equipment [see § B herein].

Ordinance as amended is available in the Town Clerk's office.

Dated at Berlin, Connecticut this 14th day of July 2025.

Kathryn J. Wall

Berlin Town Clerk

Publication date: July 17, 2025

New Britain Herald