



NOISE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CODE

- (a) **Definition.** In this section, "residential district" means those districts identified as residential in § 18-2-105 of this Code.
- (b) **Scope.** This section does not apply to the use or operation of a device: (1) in the performance of a governmental function by an agency or instrumentality of Federal, State, County, or municipal government; (2) in the performance of a public service function by a public service company as defined in the Public Utility Companies Article, § 1-101, of the State Code; (3) under a valid Federal, State, County, or municipal license or permit; (4) in the activities of an educational institution or a bonafide nonprofit charitable or philanthropic organization or civic association; or (5) in farming activities.

(c) **Prohibitions.** A person may not: (1) at any time use, operate, or permit the use or operation of a radio, tape player, disc player, boom box, phonograph, or similar sound device at an unreasonably loud volume in a residential district; (2) between the hours of 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM, use, operate, or permit the use or operation of a musical instrument or a machine, tool, or similar device at an unreasonably loud volume in a residential district; or (3) at any time use, operate, or permit the use or operation of an amplified musical instrument at an unreasonably loud volume at a residence. It is prima facie evidence of a violation of item (1) if the sound generated by the device can be heard at a distance of 50 feet from the device.

(d) **Sanctions for violation.** A person who violates subsection (c) is subject to a civil fine as provided in § 9-2-101, and a police officer may issue a citation, as provided in § 9-2-101, for a violation of subsection (c). A police officer is not required to issue a warning before charging a violation of subsection (c). Any person who has been ordered by a police officer to cease using, operating, or permitting the use or operation of a device in violation of subsection (c), and refuses or fails to comply with the order, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500, or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both, and a violation may be tried on a citation prepared in accordance with the rules of the District Court of Maryland.

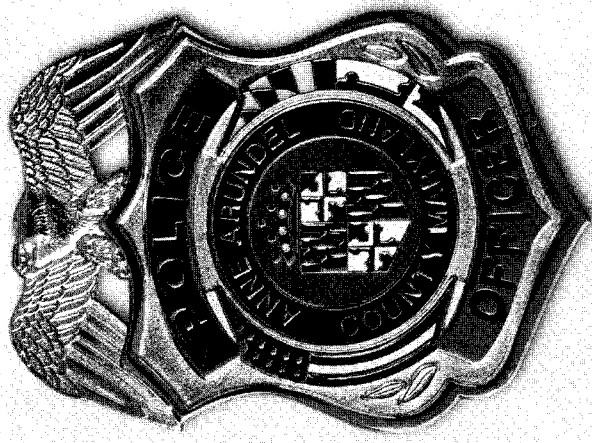
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