

Friends of Harford has copied the Noise section below from the Talbot County code and proposes it as a model for an equivalent section for Harford County.

**| § 190-82. Noise standards.**

- A. Noise shall be measured with a sound-level meter meeting the standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI S1.4-1961) "American Standards Specification for General Purpose Sound Level Meters." The instrument shall be set to the A-weighted response scale and the meter to the slow response. Measurements shall be conducted in accord with ANSI S1.2-1962 "American Standard Method for the Physical Measurements of Sound." Measurements may be made at any point along a district boundary or site boundary line.
- B. Noises of vehicles, home appliances, and chainsaws in private use, occasionally used safety signals, warning signals, emergency pressure relief valves, agricultural operations, temporary construction operations, and hunting activities licensed by Maryland law shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.
- C. Noises shall not exceed the maximum sound levels prescribed in the following table beyond the site boundary lines except that in LC, GC or LI Districts abutting an RAC, RC, RR, TR or VC District the 55-dba standard shall apply.
- D. All uses shall conform to the following standards:

**NOISE LEVEL RESTRICTIONS**

<b>Zoning District</b>	<b>Maximum Permitted Sound Level</b>
RAC, RC, RR, TR, VC	55 dba
LC, GC and LI	65 dba

- E. The levels prescribed above may be exceeded by 10 dba for a single period, not to exceed 15 minutes in any one day, except in RAC, RC, RR, TR or VC Districts. For the purposes of this section, impact noises are those noises whose peak values are more than six dba higher than the values indicated on the sound-level meter, and are of short duration, such as the noise of a forging hammer or punch press. For impact noises, the values prescribed in Subsection D, increased by 10 dba, shall govern except in RAC, RC, RR, TR or VC districts. **[Amended 8-24-2001 by Bill No. 837, effective 10-23-2001]**