

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NOISE LEVELS FOR THE OPERATION OF GENERATORS DURING AN EMERGENCY POWER OUTAGE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 P.M. AND 8:00 A.M. AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Sec.13-10.3a of the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968" which establishes daytime and evening noise levels is amended to provide that the operation of generators during an emergency power outage between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. shall not exceed the daytime permitted decibel level of sixty-five (65 dB) and shall read as follows:

Sec.13-10.3a. Same – Noises above certain measured sound pressure levels.

No person shall use or operate any facility, machine or instrumentality, or produce or cause to be produced any sound in the township, when the same shall produce noise the sound pressure level of which, measured at the point of annoyance complained of, shall exceed sixty-five decibels (65dB), between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., or fifty decibels (50dB), between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M., or which shall be more than ten decibels (10 dB) above the existing background sound level, as measured on the "A" weighting of a sound level meter which conforms to the specifications of the United States of America Standards Institute; provided, however, the operation of generators during an emergency power outage between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. shall not exceed sixty-five decibels (65dB). The "background sound level" is defined as the sound level present when the offending noise source is silenced. In no instance, however, shall it be necessary to reduce the noise level below forty decibels (40 dB) between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.,

or thirty decibels (30 dB) between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. or below sixty-five decibels (65 dB) when operating a generator during an emergency power outage between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. This section shall not apply to construction work, but it shall apply in all other cases where the character and nature of any sound or noise lends itself to measurement. Nothing in this section shall be construed in any way to limit any other portion or part of sections 13-10.1 or 13-10.2.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided for by law.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Princeton Township Committee held on July 16, 2012 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held at the Princeton Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street, on August 20, 2012 which begins at 7:00 p.m.



Kathy Brzezynski
Deputy Clerk