

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the amendment to Sec. 18-71- 18-90 of the City Code of Ordinances (Noise Control Ordinance).

Submitted by: New Haven Corporation Counsel

REPORT: 1631-09

ADVICE: Approval

RECOMMENDATIONS: The City Plan Commission recommends that the Board of Alders give careful consideration to any proposed amendment related to seizure of private property (speakers) and that the Board carefully consider the “50-foot” distance rule.

BACKGROUND

The Office of the Mayor and Corporation Counsel have submitted proposed amendments to the City’s Noise Ordinance to address recent changes to state legislation that authorize municipalities to impose increased fines for violations of the noise ordinances by motor vehicles. Excessive noise from motor vehicles is an annoyance for many residents and neighbors that increases exponentially over the summer months. This unwanted noise adversely affects the quality of life for many.

This proposed ordinance is intended to serve as a deterrent to this unlawful behavior by many motorists by significantly increasing the fines that can be imposed for these violations.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This grant proposal is aligned with the City comprehensive plan because it will:

- Encourage buffering of blighting influences such as unmaintained yards, unscreened storage, glaring lights, and **noise** from public view on all residential properties.
- In areas of highway system preservation and expansion, aggressively seek **noise pollution controls** for the protection of residents, recreation facilities, schools and other sensitive locations.
- Align City regulations with State legislation.
- The Commission also discussed whether the expanded applicability of the noise ordinance and increased fines will have a disproportionate impact on low-income individuals and youth and lead to increased policing of those residents.

ADVICE

Approval—the ordinance amendments are aligned with the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2023
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department