

WEST HARTFORD ORDINANCE:

Continued –

Sec. 123-2 (O). Noise created by on-site recreational or sporting activity which is sanctioned by the state or local government.

Chapter 123-11 - Article IV

Noise Standards

A. No excess of eighty (80) dB during the nighttime*. (Residential zone)

B. No excess of one hundred (100) dB at any time. (Any zone)

* Nighttime: 10pm to 7am, local time.

Chapter 123-20/22(A) - Article VI

Administration and Enforcement

The Director of Health shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

The Director of Health is authorized and directed to make inspections, conduct investigations and monitor noise levels in the Town of West Hartford for the purpose of determining compliance.



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NOISE COMPLAINTS

CT State Law
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Ordinances



COURTESY:

There are those occasions when one resident feels that their right to peace and quiet is infringed upon by another. It happens during the seasons of better weather when windows are open, parties and picnics are held and when during any season, one individual takes offense to the activity of another.

Sometimes, all it takes to solve the problem is a polite and reasonable request by one person of the other. When a solution is not reached between the parties concerned, is when the police are usually introduced into the conflict.

A police response must be one of fairness and which addresses the issue of what is reasonable. The time of day, night and source of the noise must be considered. An officer reserves the right of discretion in attempting to resolve the conflict. When each party can maintain their sense of self control, maturity and appropriate behavior, a police officer can make the best resolution.

Be fair. Be reasonable.

CT STATE LAW:

Sec. 53a-181a “Creating a Public Disturbance”

(An infraction - a fine of \$88.00)

A person has committed the offense of creating a public disturbance when, with intent to cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof,

- (1) Engages in violent, tumultuous, or threatening behavior, or
- (2) Annoys or interferes with another person by offensive conduct, or
- (3) Makes unreasonable* noise.

Sec. 53a-182 “Disorderly Conduct”

(Class B misdemeanor)

With intent to cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, the actor makes unreasonable* noise.

“Unreasonable”:

- (1) Not governed by reason,
- (2) Exceeding reasonable limits;

immoderate.

* At the discretion of the officer

WEST HARTFORD ORDINANCE:

Chapter 123 - Article I

“Noise”

This West Hartford Town Ordinance is intended to protect, preserve and promote the public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by the creation and maintenance of excessive or unnecessary noise as defined within the chapter.

Restrictions of note:

Sec. 123-2 (J). Noise generated by engine-powered or motor-driven lawn care or maintenance equipment shall be exempted between the hours of 7am and 9pm, Monday thru Friday, 8am and 9pm on Saturday and 9am and 9pm on Sunday, provided that noise discharged from exhausts is adequately muffled to prevent and/or explosive noises there from.

Sec. 123-2 (M). Noise generated by construction activity shall be exempted between the hours of 7am to one (1) hour after sundown, Monday thru Saturday.