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RE: Noise Pollution in Dover

About 2 weeks ago at 2 A.M. I was home asleep. Suddenly I woke frightened by my shaking internal organs. What was happening? Why were my insides shaking? All was quiet at first, then I sensed a vibration against my skin. Soon I heard a rythmic booming and rumbling approaching. I realized it was a driver, deliberately assaulting people with his loud car speakers as he blasted along, spewing his noise at everyone. With the lowest frequencies preceding him, he had physically assaulted me. He had invaded my home and attacked me as I slept.

What defense is there against these drive-by assailents? They deliberately spew their vicious noise with impunity, daily assaulting entire neighborhoods wherever they drive.

Surely these offenders need to be constrained by public laws. I ask city council to do all you can to bring an end to this erosion of the quality of our lives. Let us have peaceful, secure neighborhoods and feel safe in our homes.

We need to control Noise Pollution!

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Section 14-8, Excessive Noise Prohibited, of the Dover Code be amended by adding a new paragraph to Subsection (b), as follows:

(17) *Engine Compression Brakes*. No person shall operate an engine compression brake within the City of Dover limits, with the exception of emergency vehicles where the use of said compression brake is necessary for the protection of persons or property. "Engine compression brake" refers to any motor vehicle brake that is operated by the compression of the engine of the motor vehicle or any unit or part thereof.

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