# ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2020

# AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT, COUNTY OF LUZERNE AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA NOISE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of Newport Township are desirous of preserving the health, safety, welfare and comfort of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of Newport Township recognize that certain noise levels are intolerable and affect the quality of life of its citizens and desirous to prohibit the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT, as follows:

SECTION I: DEFINITION.

A continuous noise is defined as a noise which exists for a period of more than three (3) seconds without stopping.

SECTION II: HOURS.

It shall be unlawful for any individual or entity to create a continuous noise of greater than fifty-five (55) decibels from 10:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. within the confines of Newport Township and it shall similarly be unlawful for any individual or entity to create a continuous noise higher than sixty-five (65) decibels during any other hours of the day.

### SECTION III: EXEMPTIONS.

Th noise created by the use of a lawnmower, weed whackers, leaf blowers and snow blowers from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. shall not fall within the prohibition created by this Ordinance.

Additionally, the noise created by air conditioners shall be exempt from this Ordinance at all times.

#### SECTION IV: PENALTIES.

Any individual or entity in violation of this Ordinance commits a summary offense and upon conviction of the same shall pay a fine not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and

costs, and/or undergo confinement in the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for a period of not more than ninety (90) days.

## **SECTION V: REPEALER**

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

## SECTION VI: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 6th day of public session duly assembled.

**NEWPORT TOWNSHIP** 

President of Commissioners