

# City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 100537)

## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 10-400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Noise and Excessive Vibration,” by providing for certain exceptions, including, but not limited to, sounds created by school bells, church bells, and similar devices; all under certain terms and conditions.

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 10-400 of The Philadelphia Code is amended as follows:

### CHAPTER 10-400. NOISE AND EXCESSIVE VIBRATION.

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(12) *Exemptions.* The provisions of this Section shall not apply to [aircraft, airport and railroad operations and licensed fireworks displays] *the following:*

(a) *Aircraft;*

(b) *Airport and railroad operations;*

(c) *Licensed fireworks displays;*

(d) *Sounds lasting no more than 5 minutes in any one hour created by bells, chimes, carillons, or the human voice, or by electronic or mechanical devices that reproduce such sounds, while used in connection with a religious institution;*

(e) *Sounds created by school bells or chimes or by electronic or mechanical devices when used by schools to reproduce such sounds; and*

(f) *Sounds lasting no more than 5 minutes in any one hour created by a clock or bell tower to mark time through the use of bells or chimes or electronic or mechanical devices that reproduce such sounds.*

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#### **Explanation:**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

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*Italics* indicate new matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on October 21, 2010. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on November 3, 2010.



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Chief Clerk of the City Council