



City of Philadelphia

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Referred to the
Committee on Public Health and Human Services

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 10-400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Noise and Excessive Vibration,” by providing for a prohibition against the use of drums and cymbals and devices and objects used as drums and cymbals outdoors in certain areas of the City audible at a certain distance from the activity, 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.

§ 10-401. Legislative Findings.

(1) The City Council of the City of Philadelphia finds:

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(d) Certain neighborhoods have a density of commercial and residential uses that require specific controls to reduce noise.

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§ 10-403. Prohibited Conduct.

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(12) Use of Drums and Similar Devices. No person shall produce percussive sound using hands, sticks, or other devices in combination with any type of drum or cymbal, or with a device or object utilized in the manner of a drum or cymbal, such as a news box, bucket, can, or metal plate, outside of a structure in the area bounded by the Delaware River, the Schuylkill River, Washington Avenue and Spring Garden Street, which sound is audible at a distance greater than one hundred (100) feet from the location of such drum, cymbal, device or object, unless such drum, cymbal, device or object is being used in connection with a permitted or licensed activity or event.

*(13) Exemptions. * * **

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.