

**TOWNSHIP OF STILLWATER
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP NOISE ORDINANCE
TO CLARIFY PROHIBITED ACTS AND CONFIRM ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater wishes to improve the Township Noise Ordinance to ensure that its provisions can be efficiently enforced when necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater, that the Township Code shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1

The Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater hereby amends Chapter 272 of the Township Code entitled “Noise” to add a new subsection to § 272-2 (Prohibited Acts) as follows:

- I. Discharging unlawful explosive devices ~~or discharging unlawful firearms and/or unlawful magazines or utilizing legally obtained firearms or explosives~~ in a manner that causes or makes loud and unnecessary noise of a repetitive nature for an extended period of time (more than two hours) which annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others.

SECTION 2

The Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater hereby amends Chapter 272 of the Township Code entitled “Noise” to add a new Section § 272-5 as follows:

§ 272-5 Enforcement, Violations and penalties

This Chapter shall be enforced by the New Jersey State Police or any law enforcement agency serving Stillwater Township. Any person who fails or refuses to comply with any lawful order or direction of a member of the State Police or any law enforcement agency serving Stillwater Township to cease and desist from making noise believed to be in violation of this Chapter, or who violates this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the penalties provided in Chapter 1. Article III of the Code of the Township of Stillwater (§ 1-17 et seq.)

SECTION 3

The Township Clerk shall take all necessary action to assure the Code is promptly updated to accurately reflect the current law, policies and practices of the Township of Stillwater.

SECTION 4

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF STILLWATER TOWNSHIP

ATTEST:

Lynda Knott, Township Clerk

Lisa Chammings, Mayor

DATED: Introduced: February 21, 2023
 Adopted: March 7, 2023