

**TOWNSHIP OF PLEASANTVIEW
COUNTY OF EMMET, STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1
ADOPTED: 03/17/2026
EFFECTIVE: 03/25/2026**

NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

Section 1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the *Township of Pleasantview Noise Control Ordinance*.

Section 2. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of Pleasantview Township residents and visitors by prohibiting excessive and unreasonable noise that interferes with the peaceful enjoyment of life and property. It is not the intent of this Ordinance to prevent lawful and customary community activities but to strike a reasonable balance between personal freedom and the collective peace.

Section 3. Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Township's general police powers as authorized under MCL 41.181 and other applicable provisions of Michigan law.

Section 4. Definitions

As used in this Ordinance:

- Decibel: A unit used to express the magnitude of sound pressure and sound intensity. The difference in decibels between two sound pressures is twenty (20) times the common logarithm of their ratio. In sound pressure measurements, the sound pressure level of a given sound is defined to be 20 times the common logarithm of the ratio of that sound pressure to a reference pressure of $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{N/m}^2$ (Newtons per meter squared). As an example of the effect of this formula, a 3 decibel change in the sound pressure level corresponds to a doubling or halving of the sound intensity, and a 10 decibel change corresponds to a 10-fold increase or decrease to 1/10th the former intensity.
- Decibel (dBA): means the sound pressure level in decibels measured on the "A" scale of a standard sound level meter having characteristics defined by the American National Standards Institute, Publication ANSI s1.4-1971.
- Emergency Work: Work made necessary to restore property to a safe condition or to restore utility service, or to protect persons or property from imminent danger.
- Noise: Any sound which is loud, boisterous, or disruptive enough to disturb the peace, comfort, or repose of others in the vicinity.
- Person: Any individual, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity.

- Sound Level Meter: An instrument which includes a microphone, amplifier, RMS detector, integrator or time average, output or display meter, and weighting networks used to measure sound pressure levels.

Section 5. General Prohibition

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, cause, or permit to be made any noise or sound which, because of its volume, duration, frequency, or other characteristics, either:

1. Unreasonably disturbs the peace and quiet of any person in the Township; or
2. Exceeds 55 dBA when measured at or beyond the property line of the source between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday nights; or
3. Exceeds 60 dBA when measured at or beyond the property line of the source between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

Section 6. Specific Prohibited Acts

The following acts, among others, are declared to be violations of this Ordinance when they produce noise in a manner or under conditions that would violate Section 5:

1. Motor Vehicles: The operation of a motor vehicle (including motorcycles and ATVs) in a manner that causes engine revving, exhaust noise, or other sounds that unreasonably disturb the peace.
2. Construction or Demolition: Construction, repair, or demolition activity that occurs between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., except for emergency work.
3. Animal Noise: Allowing any animal to bark, howl, yelp, or make other frequent or continuous noise for more than 30 minutes which disturbs the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.
4. Power Equipment: Operating lawnmowers, chainsaws, snowblowers, or other power equipment between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., except as may be reasonably necessary during emergencies.
5. Public Gatherings: Hosting an event, party, or gathering where noise from the event unreasonably disturbs neighboring properties or extends past designated quiet hours.

Section 7. Exemptions

The following are exempt from this Ordinance, provided they are conducted in a reasonable manner:

1. Emergency warning devices and emergency work;
2. Snow removal operations;
3. Township-authorized events or public services;
4. Agricultural operations consistent with the Michigan Right to Farm Act (MCL 286.471 et seq.);
5. School or sporting events during customary hours.

Section 8. Enforcement and Penalties

1. Enforcement: This Ordinance may be enforced by any Township of Pleasantview law enforcement officer, code enforcement officer, or other official designated by the Township Board.
2. Civil Infraction: A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, subject to the fines established by resolution of the Township Board.
3. Nuisance Declaration: Repeated or egregious violations may be deemed a nuisance per se and subject to abatement through injunctive relief or other remedies as provided by law.

Section 9. Severability

If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect March 25, 2026 following adoption and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township as required by law.

Section 12. Board Approval

Ordinance 2026-1 was adopted by roll call vote on the 17th day of March 2026 by the Township of Pleasantview Board as follows:

Motion was made by Debra Bosma and seconded by George Bloomfield.

- Yeas: Jim Rummer – Y**
George Bloomfield – Y
R. Latimer – Y
Debra Bosma – Y

Nays: 0

Absent for Voting: Rocky Beydoun

I, Debra Bosma, the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of Pleasantview, hereby clarify that the foregoing Ordinance 2026-1 was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board held on March 17, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as herein before set forth; that said Ordinance was ordered to take effect.



Debra Bosma, Clerk

