LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2026
A LOCAL LAW TO CONTROL NOISE IN THE TOWN OF CLARENDON

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CLARENDON TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. **PURPOSE:** The Town of Clarendon Board has determined that the creation of excessive noise within the Town of Clarendon is a detriment to the comfort, convenience, safety, health and welfare of the residents of the Town of Clarendon. The purpose of this Local Law is to preserve the public peace and good order to promote health, safety and general welfare of the community, including but not limited to, the protection and preservation of quiet enjoyment of property in the Town of Clarendon.

2. **PROHIBITED ACTS:** The following acts, include, but are not limited to, conduct constituting excessive and unreasonable noise in violation of this law:

3. **ACTS CONSTITUTING UNNECESSARY OR UNREASONABLE NOISES:**

A. Generally: to make or cause to be made any unreasonably loud, disturbing, unnecessary, unreasonable or unusual noise which annoys, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of others, or to make, or cause to be made, whether in the operating of any machines, use of automotives or the exercise of any trade, profession, interest, act, hobby or otherwise, any noise which annoys, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of others unless the making of the same is necessary for the protection or preservation of property or of the health, safety or welfare of some person.

B. Vehicle noise: the use of any automobile, motorcycle or any vehicle propelled in some manner, other than by muscular power, in such a manner as to create loud and unnecessary, screeching, squealing, rattling, grating, grinding or other noise so as to annoy, injure or endanger the comfort, repose, health, or safety of others.
Instrument noise: the paying of any radio, speaker, electric device, television or any sound-producing, or musical instrument, at any time in such a manner, or with such volume, as to annoy, injure or endanger the comfort, repose, health or safety of others.

C. Yelling or shouting noise: yelling, shouting, hooting or singing at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet comfort, sleep or repose of persons in any of home, business, building, school or any dwelling, or any type of residence, or of any person, in the vicinity.

D. Any other excessive or unreasonable noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.

E. It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section if sound resulting from such prohibited acts is:

1. Audible beyond the property line of the premises upon which it is being used between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

2. Audible at a distance of 50 feet beyond the property line of the premises upon which it is being used between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

4. **EXCEPTIONS:** . Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the production of music in connection with any military, civic or authorized parade, funeral procession or religious ceremony, nor to prevent any musical performance, conducted under the consent of municipal authority; reasonable noise associated with agricultural activities between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.; reasonable noise associated with a commercial business conducting commercial business activities

between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. or reasonable noise by municipal entities related to an activity for municipal purposes.

5. **INTERPRETATION:** The provisions of this law shall be liberally construed to prevent excessive, unreasonable, disturbing and unnecessary noise with due consideration to be given to the circumstances, time of day and particular location of each violation.

6. **PENALTIES:** Any person or corporation who shall be in violation of the provisions contained in this law shall be fined between $50 and $100 for the first violation; between $100 and $300 for each and every subsequent violation, and/or a term or imprisonment not to exceed 15 days.

7. **SEVERANCE**: The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this local law shall not affect, impar or invalidate the remainder thereof.

8. **EFFECTIVE DATE**: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing by the office of the New York State Secretary of State or as otherwise provided by law.