

**MOTION: ANGRY**

**February 28, 2023  
Regular Meeting  
Ord. No. 23-07**

**SECOND: BAILEY**

**RE: AMEND COUNTY CODE SEC. 14-4. – MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SOUND LEVELS  
GENERALLY**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (Board) has adopted a Noise Ordinance “to protect its citizens against excessive noise which is detrimental to life, health, and enjoyment of property,” including establishing certain measurements and standards relating to noise; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2022, the Board issued Directive (DIR) 22-28, directing County staff to, among other things, “comprehensively review the noise ordinance and propose appropriate amendments, if any, for the Board to consider”; and

**WHEREAS**, on Jan. 23, 2023, County staff provided the Board with staff’s response to DIR 22-28, including recommending that the Board consider amending County Code Sec. 14-4(b); and

**WHEREAS**, on Jan. 24, 2023, the Board issued DIR 23-02 for County staff to advertise a public hearing for the Board to consider amending County Code Sec. 14-4(b), including (i) limiting the exemption for heating and cooling systems from the nighttime maximum permissible sound levels to systems serving a residential dwelling(s), and (ii) a sunset clause that this provision shall expire on Feb. 28, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, on Feb. 28, 2023, the Board held a public hearing, duly advertised in a local newspaper for a period of two (2) weeks, and interested members of the public were heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that amending County Code Sec. 14-4(b) secures and promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the County and its inhabitants;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby amends the Prince William County Code by adopting the attached amendment to County Code Sec. 14-4.

**ATTACHMENT:** Prince William County Code Chapter 14 – Noise Sec. 14-4.

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**Votes:**

**Ayes:** Angry, Bailey, Boddye, Franklin, Lawson, Vega, Wheeler

**Nays:** Weir

**Absent from Vote:** None

**Absent from Meeting:** None

**For Information:**

County Executive

County Attorney

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_



Clerk to the Board

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY CODE**

**Chapter 14 – Noise**

**Sec. 14-4. - Maximum permissible sound levels generally.**

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- (b) Heating and cooling systems, including but not limited to air conditioners and heat pumps, serving a residential dwelling(s) shall not be subject to the night levels enumerated above.  
This provision shall expire on February 28, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.