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Subject: Proposed Noise Ordinance - SpeakUpVB

On behalf of Council Member Tower and myself, we invite you to participate as a stakeholder and provide your feedback on this issue. City Council is soliciting input regarding the proposed amendments to the City of Virginia Beach's noise ordinance through a survey that is now available online.

The survey can be accessed here https://publicinput.com/noiseordinance. If you do not have access to a computer or are otherwise unable to complete the online survey, please utilize the copy attached to the email to make your changes. The document can be returned to Nancy Bloom, 2401 Courthouse Dr., Suite 3054, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

Please note that while comments are appreciated, the survey is requesting residents and stakeholders provide their suggested textual changes to the proposed amendments. There are two options available to participate in the online survey:

- 1. Download the Word version of the proposed noise ordinance. Turn on the "Track Changes" option. Make your proposed changes. Save your document using your last name and "proposed changes." For example: Smith-Proposed Changes. Upload the document as described in the first tab on the front page of the survey.
- 2. For those not familiar with or who would prefer not to use Word's track change function, the survey has the proposed ordinance separated into sections, each with its own comment box. If you have proposed changes within a section, please use the comment box to *indicate the line number and your proposed text change*. Once you have finished submitting all your changes, go to the final tab of the survey and click "Submit."

The survey will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, September 30. Once closed, the recommended changes will be provided to Council Member Tower and myself for review.

The City will be scheduling two facilitated listening sessions to review the submitted proposed changes, one occurring in mid-to-late afternoon and one occurring early evening. We would

appreciate you providing your email address when you participate in the survey so we can continue to keep you informed regarding this important issue.

Finally, enclosed is a clean copy of the proposed ordinance for your reference. The current noise ordinance can be found at www.Municode.com (Select *Code Library*, then *Virginia*, then *Virginia Beach*; the relevant section is Chapter 23, Article II (Section 23-63 through Section 23-73 of the City Code (not the City Charter)).

Rest assured that City Council has expressed as recent as the Tuesday, September 6, 2022, informal session that while a sixty-day timeline was set as forcing function, our peers on City Council have informed Council Member Tower and me to sustain a measure pace, but not to let the sixty-day deadline drive the submission of a proposal we do not believe is ready for public hearing before the full City Council.

If you have any questions concerning the survey, please contact Nancy Bloom at (757) 385-6279.

Sincerely,

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