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Ms. Iris Papale, Chairman
Wallingford Town Council
45 So. Main St.
Wallingford, Ct., 06492

Dear Madam Chairman:

It is my understanding that consideration is being given to the drafting of a Noise Ordinance for the Town. Be advised that during my twenty plus years of service with the town, I can only recall five (5) noise complaints. All of these were referred to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. They would then send a representative to the site for evaluation.

As of this writing, due to the Governor's budget constraints that position within the D.E.P. has not been funded and, therefore, for the time being, eliminated.

From an environmental standpoint, if an ordinance was to be proposed certain decibal parameters would have to be set so as to define a noise violation. In order to prove that the violation does exist, some type of measuring device would be needed. The enforcing agent would then have to be trained in use of the monitoring device and would have to be certified. Who does the certification now that the certifying position within the D.E.P. has been eliminated?

It has been brought to my attention that the equipment at the state agency could be made available, but again the "catch 22", who would train in its use, as the trainer is no longer available.

The town should consider as to whether or not the ordinance would be enforceable considering the above or truly needed, keeping in mind the amount of complaints received of this nature. Would our costs justify the need?

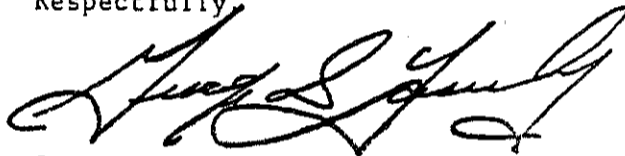
I am also cognizant of that fact that the most recent complaints are from a small non-conforming residential community that lies within a zoned industrial area. The industrial areas are encouraged because it does allow for factory noises and other emissions.

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The industries that are allowed in these areas do so with Planning and Zoning approval with the realization that industry does produce noise and sometimes odors, etc., therefore, I feel that the "caveat emptor" theory should apply to any person wishing to reside within an industrial park.

If there are any questions, I would be glad to meet with the ordinance committee pertaining to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George S. Yasensky".

George S. Yasensky, R.S.
Sanitary Inspector

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