

The Prevention of Noise (Vacoas-Phoenix) Regulations 1967

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Regulations made by the Town Council of Vacoas-Phoenix under section 3
of the Noise Prevention Act

1. Short title

These Regulations may be cited as the Prevention of Noise (Vacoas-Phoenix) Regulations 1967.

2. Unreasonable interference with public comfort prohibited

It shall not be lawful for any person to do any of the following acts in any street, thoroughfare or public place in the town of Vacoas-Phoenix, in such a manner as to constitute an unreasonable interference with public comfort-

- (a) at any time to play any instrument or conduct any show or performance which may cause noise -.

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply in the case of any parade, march or manoeuvre of any of the armed forces of the State or of the Police, or any religious, marriage or funeral procession ;

- (b) at any time to shriek, shout, sing or make any unnecessary noise ;
(c) at any time to let off or cause to explode any cracker or firework ;
(d) to sound the horn of any motor vehicle between six o'clock in the morning and eight o'clock in the evening.

Amended by [Act No. 48 of 1991]

3. Use of motor vehicle horns when prohibited

It shall not be lawful for any person in the town of Vacoas-Phoenix to sound the horn of any motor vehicle-

- (a) in any place between eight o'clock in the evening and six o'clock in the morning;
(b) at any time within a radius of 100 yards of a place of public worship.

4. Use of noisy installation at night so as to cause inconvenience to any member of the public prohibited.

It shall not be lawful for any person in the town of Vacoas-Phoenix between nine o'clock in the evening and seven o'clock in the morning, to make use of any stone crusher, sawmill or other to cause in noisy installation in such a manner as may cause inconvenience to any member of the public.

5. Causing inconvenience to any member of the public prohibited

It shall not be lawful for any person, at any time, in the town of Vacoas-Phoenix, in such a manner as may cause inconvenience to any member of the public-

- (a) (a) to make use of any gramophone, loudspeaker, or any electrical or mechanical device for producing or reproducing sound, or any musical or other instrument on any premises:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply in the case of any meeting or ceremony;

- (b) (b) To make use of any motor vehicle without the engine thereof being fitted with an effective silencer or to keep such engine running for an unreasonable period of time while such vehicle is standing still.

6. Use of loud-speakers and amplifiers prohibited in certain areas

It shall not be lawful for any person in the town of Vacoas-Phoenix to make use of a loud-speaker or amplifier within a radius of three hundred yards of-

- (a) (a) any Church, Temple, Mosque, Pagoda or other place of worship during the performance of any religious ceremony at any such Church, Temple, Mosque, Pagoda, or other place of worship ;
- (b) (b) any Court of justice during the hours at which any Magistrate is there engaged in the discharge of his duties and whether such duties are being discharged in Court or in Chambers ;
- (c) (c) the Town Hall during the hours at which the Town Council is sitting;
- (d) (d) any place or spot where any ceremonial parade is being held while such ceremonial parade lasts and for half an hour before and after such parade ;
- (e) (e) any place or spot at which the President attends on the occasion of any public function while the President is there present and for half an hour before the arrival of the President at such place or spot and half an hour after his departure:

Provided that the prohibition in this regulation imposed shall not apply to the use of loud-speakers and amplifiers in any Church, Temple, Mosque, Pagoda or other place of worship where a religious ceremony is being performed or any place or spot where a ceremonial parade or public function of an official character is being held, where such use is restricted to the purpose and is a formal part of the religious ceremony, ceremonial parade or public function aforesaid.

Amended by [Act No. 5 of 1967]; [Act No. 48 of 1991]

7. Use of loud-speakers and amplifiers restricted

Without prejudice to the provisions of the last preceding Regulation, it shall not be lawful for any person, at any time, in the town of Vacoas-Phoenix, to make use of any loud-speaker or amplifier in such a way as to be easily moved from place to place except-

- (a) (a) in connection with any National Assembly election, or any Municipal Council Election to be held in such town -

- (i) in the case a National Assembly Election from the date of the issue of writ of election to the date preceding the day fixed for taking the poll;
 - (ii) In the case of a Municipal Council election from the date of issue of the notice that an election will be held, to the date preceding the day fixed for taking the poll;
- (b) (b) for the announcement of deaths or funerals when, in exceptional cases, the Mayor or in the absence of the latter the Deputy Mayor, so authorises in writing;

Provided that in no case shall the use of loudspeakers and amplifiers be authorised-

- (i) (i) on working day during office hours;
- (ii) (ii) at night from nine o'clock in the evening to seven o'clock in the morning.

Amended by [Act No. 5 of 1967]; [Act No. 48 of 1991]

8. Power of dealing with breaches of regulations

Any Police Officer or any officer deputed by, the Municipal Council of Vacoas-Phoenix, may take such action as he may deem reasonable to prevent any breach of these regulations or any continuance of such breach.

Amended by [Act No. 5 of 1967]

9. Saving

Nothing in these Regulations shall affect the right of the Police or of the Municipal Council of Vacoas/Phoenix to make use of loud-speakers and amplifiers for the purpose of making announcements or of controlling or regulating traffic or crowds.

Amended by [Act No. 5 of 1967]