



Brown Township Noise Resolution Resident Survey Report

July 2025

Executive Summary

Brown Township's character has long been defined by a balance between rural tranquility and everyday activity. The proposed Noise Resolution before the Trustees seeks to preserve that balance by distinguishing between normal, short-lived sounds of community life and the disruptive, chronic noises that erode residents' sense of peace. In June of 2025 the Trustees mailed 1,596 postcards, inviting household within the township to complete a survey designed to gauge community sentiment and to surface practical concerns. Nearly two hundred households—representing both the incorporated and unincorporated portions of the Township—responded.

The survey paints a nuanced picture. A clear majority report a generally quiet or acceptable soundscape, yet a meaningful minority describe persistent disturbances. Those who rated their environment "Noisy" most often point to gunfire, revving engines, amplified music, and construction equipment. Importantly, even among respondents who consider present noise levels tolerable, many agree that having a sensible ordinance would clarify expectations and give law-enforcement a workable standard.

A series of follow-on questions explores depth of concern. Most residents have at least once been disturbed by noise, and a substantial share believe that unchecked noise can undermine property enjoyment and neighborhood cohesion. When asked how important it is that disruptive noise be addressed, respondents overwhelmingly rate the issue as very or somewhat important. They favor quiet hours that limit high-volume activity overnight while preserving reasonable freedoms during the day. This mirrors the draft resolution's core provision: a nighttime quiet period from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. coupled with an objective "plainly audible at 300 feet" test. The proposed resolution also exempts agricultural, emergency, sporting, and other customary activities, a nuance that resonates with commenters who fear over-regulation. The Ohio Revised Code requires certain exemptions that have been properly included in the draft resolution.

Support for the resolution is strong in principle but qualified by pragmatic questions. Some residents in the unincorporated area express skepticism about enforceability and potential costs. Others, particularly in the incorporated subdivisions, worry about rare but egregious late-night events and see the resolution as overdue. Several respondents advocate an educational phase before citations begin, emphasizing neighbor-to-neighbor communication. A smaller group voices philosophical opposition to any additional regulation, invoking personal freedom and existing state laws.

Taken together, the data suggest that Brown Township residents value quiet enjoyment of their property and are open to targeted, reasonable measures to curb disruptive noise. They favor clear definitions, modest quiet-hour limits, and a balanced approach that respects both rural traditions and residential peace. The findings imply broad conceptual support for adopting the resolution, provided its enforcement focuses on egregious violations and preserves customary daytime activities. The report that follows translates the survey into actionable insights, presents detailed response distributions, and captures the authentic voices of residents through curated comments.

Q1: Tell us the name of the road or street where you live

Total survey responses 199

Incorporated	36	18.09%	Unincorporated	163	81.91%
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Audubon	3	8.33%	Abbey Chase	2	1.23%
Buttonbush	2	5.56%	Alton Darby Creek	5	3.07%
Cat Singer Circle	3	8.33%	Adams	1	0.61%
Gelderland	1	2.78%	Amity	26	15.95%
Goldenrod	3	8.33%	Carter	10	6.13%
Marshview	1	2.78%	Cole	3	1.84%
Sanctuary Loop	2	5.56%	Davis	10	6.13%
Scarlet Oak	6	16.67%	Dellinger	1	0.61%
Slippery Elm	2	5.56%	Elliott	3	1.84%
Sparrow	2	5.56%	Feder	7	4.29%
Sugar Run	2	5.56%	Golfview Place	2	1.23%
Switchgrass	4	11.11%	Hardwood	2	1.23%
Trophy	1	2.78%	Hayden Run	6	3.68%
Woodland	4	11.11%	Jerman	2	1.23%
			Jones	2	1.23%
			Langton	1	0.61%
			Morris	23	14.11%
			Patterson	19	11.66%
			Roberts	14	8.59%
			Scioto Darby Creek	10	6.13%
			Walker	14	8.59%

Q2: How would you rate current noise levels in your area?

Incorporated (n=37)

Acceptable: 20 responses (54.1%)

Noisy: 9 responses (24.3%)

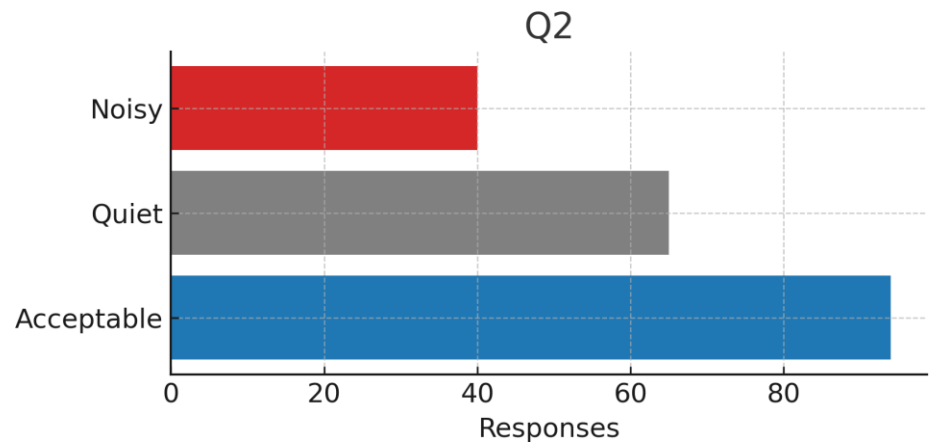
Quiet: 8 responses (21.6%)

Unincorporated (n=162)

Acceptable: 74 responses (45.7%)

Quiet: 57 responses (35.2%)

Noisy: 31 responses (19.1%)



Noisy - Source of noise – Incorporated

Dogs barking at all hours have repeatedly woken my toddler up. [\[118898235936\]](#)

Outdoor concerts / music blasting and shaking the ground over a huge distance any/all hours of the evening/night. [\[118897045017\]](#)

Only an occasional loud car [\[118891242277\]](#)

Band on stage off Davis Rd. [\[118890331897\]](#)

Barking dogs from kennel. And fireworks around July 4th for many days [\[118890200454\]](#)

Acceptable most times but there are sometimes in the summer when noise is out of control. [\[118889996824\]](#)

Gunfire and fireworks at night is ridiculous, into the AM sometimes. Hilliard PD just refers to sheriff, it's been a problem for years. [\[118889087628\]](#)

Loud music late at night from residences on Davis Rd [\[118888367346\]](#)

Warnock house [\[118888074271\]](#)

Noisy - Source of noise – Unincorporated

Seems to be mariachi music played very loud and often plays past midnight and a few times it was on Sunday. Can hear in all rooms in my home with the doors shut. A few occurrences, but very loud [\[118897026876\]](#)

Cars driving very fast on road. [\[118894966981\]](#)

Traffic big trucks, motorcycles and bicyclists using foul language [\[118892399185\]](#)

Lot more traffic with Bradley travelling at high speeds. [\[118890873091\]](#)

Only noise complaint is the same motorcycles that continue to speed. All of their own noises in the area are acceptable and to be expected. [\[118890277802\]](#)

Traffic, vehicles being loud or blasting music [\[118890270701\]](#)

Traffic, loud music and cars, construction [\[118890268105\]](#)

Loud cars and radios driving by [\[118890261719\]](#)

Motorcycles loud and racing, also autos racing excessive speed [\[118890201399\]](#)

Next Door Neighbor [\[118890178732\]](#)

Motorbikes revving engines and highway [\[118889738221\]](#)

Street traffic, gunshots [\[118889461095\]](#)

Cars with loud mufflers or no muffler, loud racing when they turn the corner at Davis, can hear them until they get to the round about. Too much speeding down Davis, needs to be controlled with speed at 35 mph. Constant blowing the horn at the light at the intersection when the light changes. [\[118889355973\]](#)

There is normal farming noise during the day that is expected but I have had to call the Sheriff to come to barn parties at 1803 Jones Road with loud music blasting until 2am. [\[118889282653\]](#)

Radio-Band playing in garage esp. on long weekends or holidays [\[118889247933\]](#)

Loud mufflers/exhaust from cars and motorcycles, and loud speaking and music from school stadium, construction noise from new house building [\[118888667427\]](#)

It is a very busy road with cars and trucks without mufflers or "souped up" cars drag racing down Dellinger Rd at all hours. Also neighbors shooting fireworks after 10 PM when it is not a holiday [\[118888511176\]](#)

too many loud motorcycles and cars with loud exhaust pipes [\[118888511057\]](#)

Traffic [\[118888473792\]](#)

Gunshots, concrete trucks and other class 6 vehicles [\[118888458296\]](#)

Typically quiet. We do have fairly new neighbors that live in Darby Knolls and they have very loud gatherings throughout the year. In Easter they had a loud party that went all day. They used a loud speaker to announce things. They also have live bands that use speakers to blare the music. It can be very disturbing. [\[118888445922\]](#)

Except for the speeders racing down the road without mufflers [\[118888423233\]](#)

I 70 [\[118888414440\]](#)

Puppy mill 300 feet from property line [\[118888345850\]](#)

We have a neighbor who has a very loud sound system they play quite often. We have been on bike rides and can still hear it a mile away. This same neighbor blows all of his animal waste into the stream using a gas powered leaf blower every day, and sometimes multiple times per day. It is so loud that we have trouble carrying on conversations. [\[118888187019\]](#)

Loud music and large loud blower used several times a day to blow horse and animal debris (blowing it into other property!) [\[118888179631\]](#)

Lawnmowers four wheelers motorcycles [\[118888169279\]](#)

I-70 [\[118888159528\]](#)

Krishna temple [\[118888157647\]](#)

Traffic, Car stereos, neighbor's music, sirens from emergency vehicles [\[118888107895\]](#)

Dump trucks from construction [\[118888084367\]](#)

Q3: Have you ever been disturbed by noise in your area?

Incorporated (n=37)

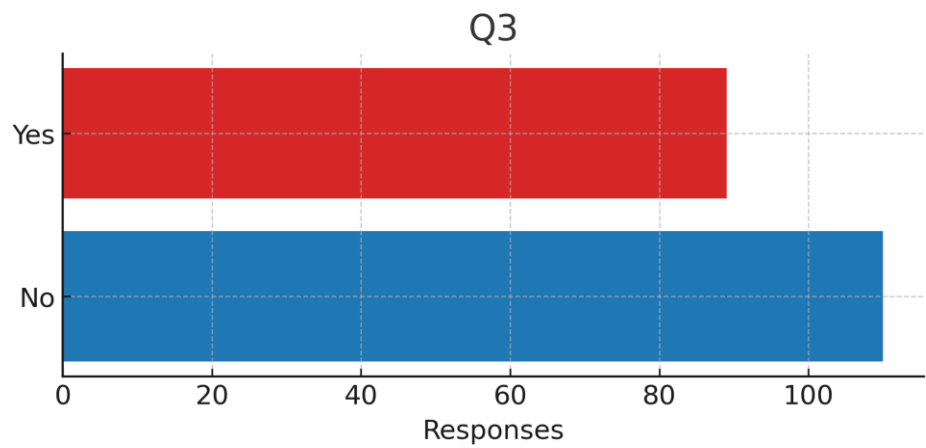
Yes: 27 responses (73.0%)

No: 10 responses (27.0%)

Unincorporated (n=162)

No: 100 responses (61.7%)

Yes: 62 responses (38.3%)



Q4: Do you believe noise in Brown Township negatively affects quality of life?

Incorporated (n=37)

No: 17 responses (45.9%)

Yes: 16 responses (43.2%)

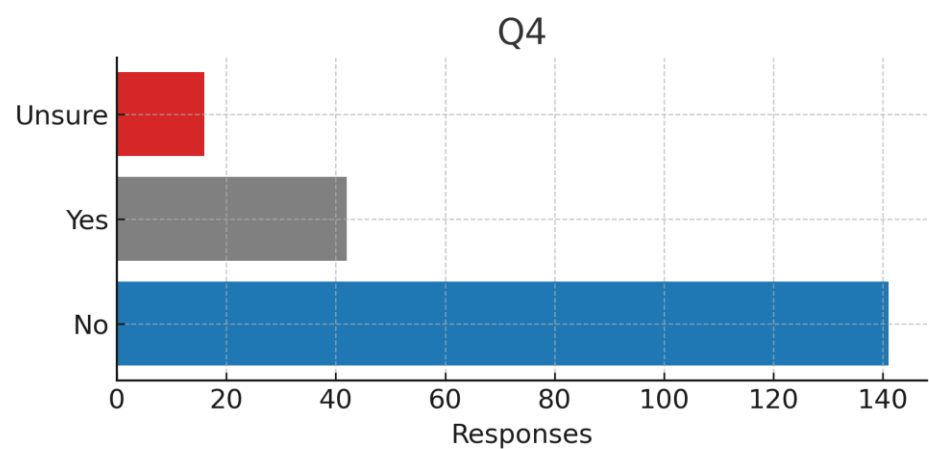
Unsure: 4 responses (10.8%)

Unincorporated (n=162)

No: 124 responses (76.5%)

Yes: 26 responses (16.0%)

Unsure: 12 responses (7.4%)



Q5: What other noises should be exempt?

Comments – Incorporated

(1) Snow removal equipment can run late at night, but might be necessary for public safety. (2) The resolution calls out school-related events, but should probably be widened to all community-sanctioned events. (3) Sounds associated with religious services, like church bells, should also be exempt. (4) Garbage and Recycling collection can happen before 7AM sometimes, it should also be exempt. [\[118898235936\]](#)

None. [\[118897045017\]](#)

Tornado Sirens [\[118892743577\]](#)

Family fun outside given we have space for campfires. No noise ordinance maybe HOA's should implement with fines. [\[118890974744\]](#)

Not sure [\[118889996824\]](#)

Guns and fireworks late at night [\[118889087628\]](#)

While I'm personally against it, probably hunting should be included in the exemption. That is NOT to include recreational gun fire in the middle of the night. [\[118889077350\]](#)

None [\[118888920583\]](#)

Besides emergency services, no noise should be exempt if it is very early or very late [\[118888888121\]](#)

Holiday fireworks [\[118888601103\]](#)

Dog barking [\[118888506255\]](#)

Loud music after 11pm, gunshots (not only startling but public safety issue) [\[118888504263\]](#)

cars and motorcycleds with loud mufflers [\[118888454665\]](#)

None [\[118888367346\]](#)

none [\[118888346601\]](#)

Fireworks [\[118888154408\]](#)

Comments – Unincorporated

Gunfire, hunting, lawn care, ATVs, fireworks. [\[118899757138\]](#)

Should be quiet between 11-7 regardless of the noise. Sans emergency vehicles. [\[118899655683\]](#)

Fireworks after 10-11pm. [\[118899615107\]](#)

Family gatherings [\[118898648777\]](#)

Firearms. My neighbor target practices safely during daylight hours. [\[118898623733\]](#)

You have disavowed the incorporated areas and anything commercial. How is there a problem?... this sounds like you are pushing a solution in search of a problem. The wording in the proposal targets certain people in certain areas doing certain things(evil music) and feels like an over the top attack in response to someones personal issues wanting . You live in the country not in a holy sanctuary. If your neighbor offends you DON'T CALL THE POLICE go see your neighbor....and BTW the CITY POLICE are not coming out here....is the sherref.....REALLY.....not! [\[118897696735\]](#)

Friday night thru Saturday party music and gathering [\[118897406261\]](#)

Does lawn work count as agricultural? [\[118896195880\]](#)

Children [\[118895379615\]](#)

Fireworks, firearms, outdoor gatherings, music, loud cars, sport vehicles [\[118895347623\]](#)

Fireworks. [\[118894966981\]](#)

Loud music and gunshots [\[118894539872\]](#)

None [\[118893614616\]](#)

None [\[118893614496\]](#)

Chainsaws, landscaping equipment [\[118893218664\]](#)

Every noise imaginable [\[118892008494\]](#)

mowing and other lawncare/property care that is reasonable. [\[118891965580\]](#)

Gun and Fireworks seems out of control after 10:00 PM. [\[118891703602\]](#)

Yard maintenance [\[118891689433\]](#)

Firearms being discharged and celebratory fireworks. Besides those, nothing additional other than those items already listed in the proposal [\[118891527732\]](#)

A household on Davis Rd. has a rooster that crows every minute of every day until dark 7 days a week. I know we are rural/residential but too much when you cannot leave windows open only to hear the rooster! [\[118890873091\]](#)

People should reasonably be permitted to have weddings, high school graduations, quinceanera, and other social gatherings at their homes as they see fit. [\[118890746173\]](#)

Vehicle & recreational vehicle exhaust noises. [\[118890594933\]](#)

Fireworks [\[118890345784\]](#)

Recreational vehicles [\[118890341973\]](#)

Hunting activities, construction, agriculture, recreational vehicles (atv, side by side, motocross, etc.) [\[118890337287\]](#)

[\[118890299373\]](#)

I believe as a community we need to be open to certain religious ceremonies or cultural traditions within reason. [\[118890277802\]](#)

Nothing else, however construction should be limited to a time frame as it has been disruptive at times [\[118890270701\]](#)

Construction should not be exempt [\[118890268105\]](#)

Construction should NOT be exempt [\[118890261719\]](#)

Normal residential music such as music around campfires within reasonable level [\[118890255424\]](#)

Everyhaust systems very loud!!! [\[118890201399\]](#)

Neighbors fire very loud guns which bother us but other than than no other concerns [\[118890195291\]](#)

Recreational gun (target shooting) been doing it for 20 years on my property with this I won't be able to any longer [\[118890021313\]](#)

Power mowers, trimmers, chain saws [\[118889930194\]](#)

Seems like a good list to start with [\[118889846828\]](#)

Don't know [\[118889738221\]](#)

You can't define all the things exempt or prohibited. You will be updating this list constantly. [\[118889511705\]](#)

None. All of the noise violations in the resolution are subjective to the deputy or person complaining. We all moved here to enjoy our properties in the manner we want. Making a list will never satisfy the person or persons complaining which instigated this resolution. [\[118889487120\]](#)

Barn animals, tractors, atvs, guns, [\[118889452600\]](#)

Parties past 1pm [\[118889435323\]](#)

Use of swimming pools, barbecues, graduation parties, family reunions, 4th of July celebrations, outdoor weddings and receptions, NYE celebrations, hunting, talking, outdoor sports, ATVs, motorcycles, Pretty much any national holiday celebration/event [\[118889432281\]](#)

During reasonable hours: Cook outs, pool parties, bon fires, neighborhood parties, outdoor sports, outdoor weddings / grad parties. Use of ATVs and dirt bikes. [\[118889432093\]](#)

none [\[118889413096\]](#)

Noises from established business should be exempt. An established business is defined as being in business for over 10 years. [\[118889404701\]](#)

External speakers that enable high volumes of music, etc. [\[118889393890\]](#)

None. Sat the 14th I could hear the temple music in my house w9th the windows closed and the TV on. The drum reverberation was making ky dishes in my cupboard shake. I don't care what time if day it is that is unexceptable. [\[118889364860\]](#)

Maintenance: lawn care, power washer, blowers... if not intentionally used to disturb a neighbor. [\[118889364549\]](#)

Cars racing down Davis [\[118889355973\]](#)

kids at play, Hunting, recreational vehicles given my property is over 1 acre [\[118889343120\]](#)

Music, dirt bikes / ATVs, hobby cars, fireworks, firearm shooting, outdoor family events [\[118889340515\]](#)

Hunting Sport shooting Rural activities [\[118889338953\]](#)

anything I choose to do on my property that acceptable by current law. [\[118889301739\]](#)

Gun shots, quads, dogs. Basically everything. We live in the country. This is why we don't live in a development where everything is regulated [\[118889283122\]](#)

Normal engine noises - lawnmowers, ATVs, power washers, air tanks, etc. but even these should not be used outside from 10pm to 7am. [\[118889282653\]](#)

Shooting guns [\[118889029786\]](#)

Noises from hunting, landscaping, social gatherings [\[118888667427\]](#)

No other [\[118888627084\]](#)

Fireworks for certain holidays [\[118888617893\]](#)

Animals [\[118888611806\]](#)

Mowers [\[118888601502\]](#)

None [\[118888588432\]](#)

All. This is not needed at all [\[118888585913\]](#)

Graduation parties, weddings [\[118888576869\]](#)

Normal home maintenance, lawn mowing, garden tilling, etc. [\[118888550897\]](#)

Vehicles, fireworks, music, parties [\[118888542265\]](#)

Target shooting during daylight hours. Hunting during all legal hours (24 hours for coyote and predator hunting) [\[118888527175\]](#)

alarms [\[118888511057\]](#)

I really don't know. [\[118888488430\]](#)

Fireworks on certain holidays [\[118888487844\]](#)

Family and friend gatherings and fireworks [\[118888475544\]](#)

The sound of class 6 vehicles over 55. They should slow down to 35-40mph. [\[118888458296\]](#)

All internal combustion engines [\[118888450300\]](#)

Dirt bikes, four wheelers, lawn care. [\[118888445922\]](#)

Firearms [\[118888423233\]](#)

None [\[118888420191\]](#)

None [\[118888419853\]](#)

mowers of anykind {lawn} chain saws when needed [\[118888419582\]](#)

Opposed to noise control [\[118888414440\]](#)

Lawn care and equipment used to affect work needed to maintain property..ie chainsaw,etc. [\[118888413917\]](#)

No comment [\[118888345850\]](#)

I would exempt ALL noises from this list. The minute we start trying to regulate “noise” which is a very subjective, we are inching toward HOAs. HOAs in nearly every scenario infringe on privacy and lead to disputes among residents. In a worse case scenario, they become bastions of patriarchal supremacy. Part of the reason I moved to a more rural setting was to avoid this kind of needless regulation. [\[118888213004\]](#)

Recreational use [\[118888195783\]](#)

I think many Brown township residents have outdoor parties. I believe they should be exempt as long as they are not on a regular basis. [\[118888187019\]](#)

Fireworks around July 4 [\[118888169279\]](#)

None. It's fine. I hear fireworks music from time to time. No big deal. [\[118888159528\]](#)

People practicing musical instrument's esp children. There are many workshop/hobby shops in brown twp saws planers routers etc should be exempt 'recreational vehicles' [\[118888153176\]](#)

People doing target or trap shooting [\[118888137953\]](#)

Mowing grass/yardwork [\[118888106102\]](#)

LGD protecting livestock Roosters crowing [\[118888088642\]](#)

Q6: How important is it that disruptive noise is addressed?

Incorporated (n=37)

Very important: 20 responses (54.1%)

Somewhat important: 15 responses (40.5%)

Opposed to noise control: 2 responses (5.4%)

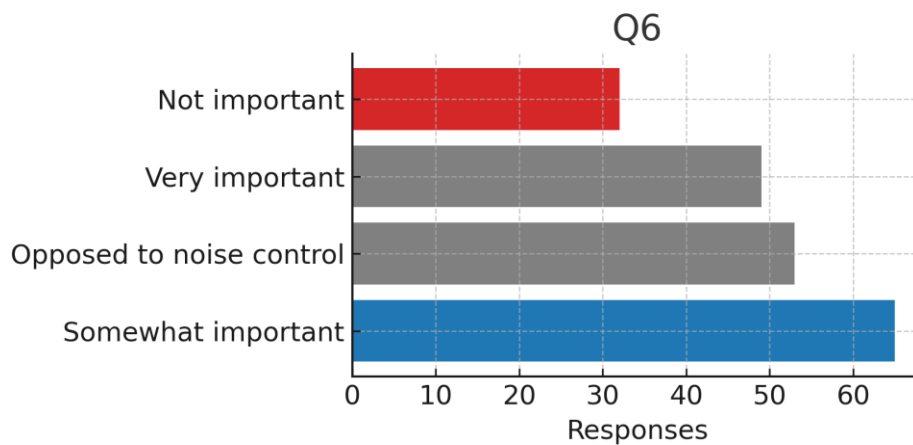
Unincorporated (n=162)

Opposed to noise control: 51 responses (31.5%)

Somewhat important: 50 responses (30.9%)

Not important: 32 responses (19.8%)

Very important: 29 responses (17.9%)



Q7: Preferred approach to quiet hours

Incorporated (n=37)

No: 18 responses (48.6%)

Yes: 15 responses (40.5%)

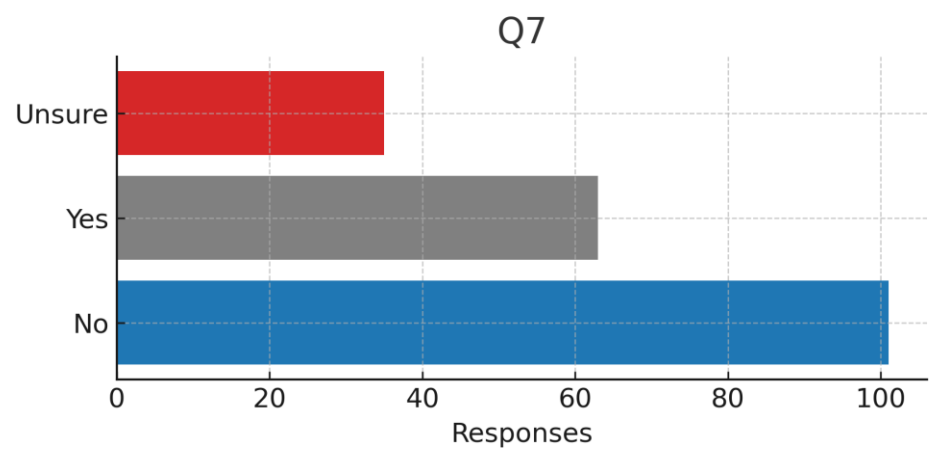
Unsure: 4 responses (10.8%)

Unincorporated (n=162)

No: 83 responses (51.2%)

Yes: 48 responses (29.6%)

Unsure: 31 responses (19.1%)



Q8: Have you ever complained to authorities about noise?

Incorporated (n=37)

I have considered it but did not: 16 responses (43.2%)

No: 14 responses (37.8%)

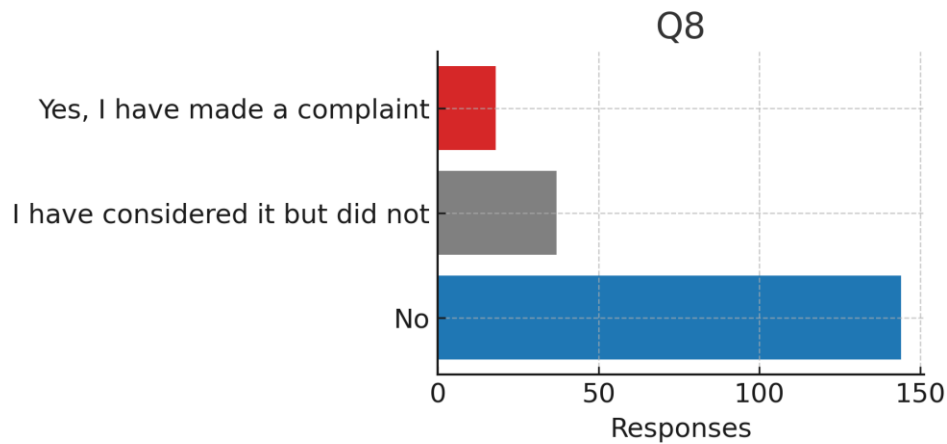
Yes, I have made a complaint: 7 responses (18.9%)

Unincorporated (n=162)

No: 130 responses (80.2%)

I have considered it but did not: 21 responses (13.0%)

Yes, I have made a complaint: 11 responses (6.8%)



Q9: Do you support the proposed noise resolution?

Incorporated (n=37)

Strongly support: 26 responses (70.3%)

Somewhat support: 5 responses (13.5%)

Neutral: 3 responses (8.1%)

Strongly oppose: 2 responses (5.4%)

Somewhat oppose: 1 responses (2.7%)

Unincorporated (n=162)

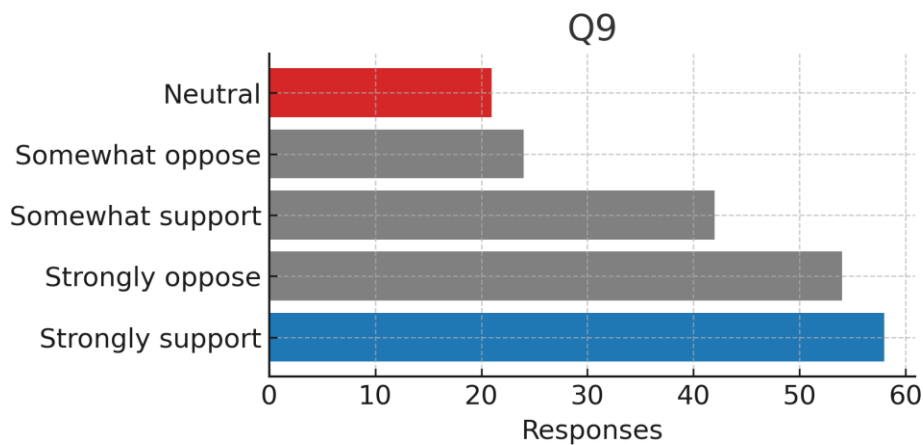
Strongly oppose: 52 responses (32.1%)

Somewhat support: 37 responses (22.8%)

Strongly support: 32 responses (19.8%)

Somewhat oppose: 23 responses (14.2%)

Neutral: 18 responses (11.1%)



Q10: Final comments on the proposed noise resolution

Final Comments – Incorporated

I really like the overall idea, but some important items need re-examining: (1) The core prohibition targets noise that "annoys or disturbs the comfort, peace, or health of a person of ordinary sensibilities". This creates a variable standard that depends on the complainant and the enforcing officer, which can be difficult to prove and defend against in court. The noise should be measures in decibels against a standard. Make it easy on law enforcement - subjectivity just makes it harder (and more dangerous) for them to do their job. (2) Prohibiting the operation of a radio or TV "with louder volume that is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are...voluntary listeners" is unenforceable from a practical standpoint. An officer outside a home cannot determine what volume is "necessary" for the occupants inside. Again, just measure the volume of the noise in decibels against values in a chart. (3) The exemption for "incidental noise such is made by construction operations, repairs, or maintenance of houses or yards" is vague. "Incidental" is not defined, and unlike many noise ordinances, this resolution does not specify permitted hours for construction (e.g., 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.), which could lead to disputes over early morning or late evening work. There's a theme here - minimizing ambiguity is better for everyone involved: the complainant, the potential violator, and law enforcement. (4) The resolution states it is a "prima facie violation" if noise is "plainly audible" at 300 feet from the property line. A presumption of guilt is probably taking this too far. It should just be a standard violation. The only way this should stay is if there is a decibel measurement, just like (5) A second-degree misdemeanor is far too harsh for a noise violation. It should be a minor misdemeanor for first violations and fourth-degree misdemeanors for subsequent violations. This isn't shoplifting or vandalism. [\[118898235936\]](#)

This needs to pass. [\[118897045017\]](#)

We have some neighbors who insist on shooting off fireworks until sometimes 3am. They wake us up and unfortunately have made my dog afraid of sudden noises. He was not afraid until he was 3 yrs old, but now he is. They don't just shoot off fireworks one at a time. They shoot them all off at the same time and it sounds like a war has broken out. Last time they said they were celebrating Diwali, other neighbors get carried away on holidays like 4th of July, Memorial Day, etc. It's not just the middle eastern people, I don't think. But after 11pm, everyone needs to tone it down. [\[118895314630\]](#)

I think this is a good concept but would also include all use of private fireworks and any gunfire within a reasonable distance of a residential neighborhood. We hear gunfire that sounds far to close to the Hill Farm division. [\[118893474716\]](#)

Should include fireworks [\[118893248073\]](#)

I would change it from 7:00am- 9:00 pm. No noise after dark period. Also, mass mailing to all residents regarding the ordinance once finalized. We live in Heritage Preserve on Sanctuary Loop. We want peace and quiet. People want a party need to rent a hall. [\[118892743577\]](#)

The most common loud noise at night is revving car engines and the squealing of car tires doing donuts in the high school parking lot and roads near there. They should absolutely be included in the noise ordinance. Nothing else listed has been a common problem. [\[118892101297\]](#)

Regulation could be a slippery slope [\[118891242277\]](#)

We live on acreage for a reason. People with issues should deal with their neighbor. [\[118890974744\]](#)

The proposed noise resolution is fine. Survey question 7 is misleading. Electronically amplified sounds are not the only loud sounds produced by a band. Horns are loud on their own. The resolution says with or without electronic amplification. Leave this clause as is. [\[118890331897\]](#)

Good start [\[118890200454\]](#)

We have a baby and the outdoor concerts impact her sleep and our overall wellbeing. [\[118889996824\]](#)

The biggest offenders of noise on this side of town are motorcycles. You can hear them for miles all hours of the night. [\[118889926778\]](#)

People move to more rural areas for peace & quiet. Loud music at all hours and obnoxious gun fire are inner city nuisances that have no place here. [\[118889077350\]](#)

We have been hearing music and gunshots coming from Davis road at all hours periodically [\[118889002949\]](#)

Been disturbed multiple times by concerts going into the early morning hours from a property off of Davis Road. Thanks for putting this together. [\[118888920583\]](#)

The activities being limited are not restrictive enough. For example, as it reads now, school musical bands would be allowed to play their instruments loudly before 7 am, which they have done previously on the weekends and is extremely disruptive for families trying to rest after a long hard week of work [\[118888888121\]](#)

Thank you for proposing the noise resolution. [\[118888498746\]](#)

Overall quiet neighborhood. You can consistently here cars racing on Alton Darby Road but I believe the roundabouts have limited this now. [\[118888346601\]](#)

Final Comments – Unincorporated

Never thought there was a noise issue, but there is light pollution issue, some peoples spot lights are extremely to bright [\[118899632487\]](#)

The proposed Resolution provides exceptions including mining, fracturing and pipelines. These activities are prohibited in the Big Darby Accord. Recommend cross reference or remove. I missed the meeting. Is the specific reference to D liquor license limiting the resolution. In other words, can a different permit be issued that would allow noise? [\[118899615107\]](#)

Most people are considerate with noise levels in the evening hours. Passing this would give the people who complain about everything more of a reason to continue to complain. I could see if you changed the hours to 12am-6am. [\[118899439727\]](#)

I oppose government putting restrictions on the use of my property when I live on 5 acres and what I do does not disrupt and bother any of my neighbors. ie. parking my semi back by my barn on occasions. Government needs to address the individual problem with a knee jerk reaction that affects EVERYONE! [\[118899402479\]](#)

It appears that some of the discussed items from the meetings were not updated in the survey nor was the neutral question removed. I moved to the country for the freedom it provides and I'm highly against any form of legalized restriction in that freedom. If for any reason there is requirement for a noise ordinance the earliest should be from midnight to 6AM. [\[118898648777\]](#)

Slippery slope. My concern eventually becomes more development and the trustee positions fall into the hands of some HOA raised authoritarian that expands to all hours, or start to include the ag equipment. Planting and harvesting are weather dependent and at times necessary to perform in those defined hours. [\[118898623733\]](#)

You have disavowed the incorporated areas of Brown and anything Agricultural and most commercial. How is there a problem?... this sounds like you are pushing a solution in search of a problem. The wording in the proposal targets certain people in certain areas doing certain things(evil music) and it feels like an over the top attack in response to someones personal issues wanting . You live in the country not in a holy sanctuary. If your neighbor offends you DON'T CALL THE POLICE go see your neighbor....and BTW the CITY POLICE are not coming out here....is the sherref.....REALLY....not! [\[118897696735\]](#)

We it as is. [\[118897406261\]](#)

Reasonable music, partying etc is fine. When your in bed on Sunday after midnight and its still going is just disrespectful to your neighbors. It's sad people don't have more common sense and this is needed. But it probably is. [\[118897026876\]](#)

We moved to the country specifically for the freedom it entails in our against any form of governmental control with a legal repercussion. In meetings presented by the Township, the time proposed was 11 PM not 10 PM which further results in my opposition to this ordinance. [\[118895379615\]](#)

I moved to the country for a reason. I want the freedom and less control [\[118895347623\]](#)

I'm not comfortable exempting fracking/drilling noise from the ordinance. If there was fracking/drilling that I could hear from my house I would want it to cease between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am. Fireworks aren't specifically mentioned. What are the Trustees thoughts related to firework noise? That is often after 11:00 pm. I no longer have a dog but firework noise was often a concern when we had dogs. I think there would be considerable pushback

if fireworks were included in the noise ordinance but I'm not sure it's reasonable to be silent on that issue in the ordinance. [118895203149]

It's a widespread area We dont have an issue and would tolerate occasional parties ect. It would be helpful to see a complaint listing to understand a frequency of disturbances. With understanding of high frequency issues I would maybe be more in favor of restrictions(resolutions). [118894184896]

Not at this time [118893614616]

None [118893614496]

We live in a rural area of Brown Township, We don't have any problems out here. Our neighbors are respectful of each other. This sounds like a HOA area and we don't want or need it in our rural area!! [118893290582]

We experience unnecessary and annoying noise from autos without mufflers clearly intended to generate large volumes of noise, such as tire squealing, trunk amplifiers (especially with that irritating rap nonsense), and engine revving; and from motorcycles that are intentionally loud. Because we live between the Ten-Mile Bar and Feder Road, many of these noisemakers pass our residence in the wee hours. [118893218664]

Thank you for providing the survey. Our Trustees are good people in our community. [118892303855]

There is zero reason for this to be a thing let alone proposed [118892008494]

The definition of rural was appropriate at one time but no longer. Brown twp has changed from rural to residential almost into a development. Time to address hunting also. There's no way to point a weapon without having a residents involved. CHANGE IS RAPID PLEASE GET AHEAD OF IT!!! [118891703602]

Really would like to understand the quantity of the complaints. Is this a universal issue or really only being proposed because of a few isolated or specific areas within the township. I also would ask is this really the most important thing the council has to be working on? It would seem, there are more significant issues to be addressed besides this. [118891527732]

Hours should be modified to 10pm to 6am. The only real noise issue I've ever experienced, after 10pm, is the lighting of fireworks and generally only occurs in/around the Fourth of July. [118891488666]

Question 7 is a bit difficult to understand.... Are you asking if only electronically amplified sounds would be considered a violation? If so, I disagree.... I believe violations could/ should also include loud engines/ exhaust systems and possibly gun fire (target practice) for extended periods of time. [118891315765]

There is a residence on Davis rd. that would frequently play music loud enough and well into the night that disrupt our evenings and sleep while windows and doors are closed. This noise ordinance would greatly help our township to avoid such disturbances. [\[118890968442\]](#)

The penalty of a misdemeanor is excessive for this type of violation. I could see getting a fine, but a noise violation being criminalized is way too much. If you keep this portion in the resolution, I do not support it at all. If it is just a fine, I support. [\[118890920145\]](#)

I strongly oppose the proposed noise control resolution. People purchase significant acreage in the country to do with as they see fit and should not have their rights infringed upon by restrictions typical of HOAs and housing developments. People who wish to live that lifestyle should select their housing based upon it. Those who chose to live in a township should enjoy the freedoms associated with making a significant investment in space and intentionally making a housing purchase not encumbered by restrictions that limits actions on your own property after 10pm. [\[118890746173\]](#)

Having lived in Brown Township for 30 years, I have never been disturbed by noise. Sure on special occasions you can heard music or fireworks from neighbors but these are isolated and very infrequent. I do not hear music when I go inside and fireworks are heard but not disruptive. [\[118890735679\]](#)

I generally support a noise resolution but suggest the hours be from 11pm to 7am. I feel that 10pm is too early. Also would prefer the agriculture uses, mainly tractor noise, not be exempt. [\[118890398885\]](#)

If the noise resolution cannot be limited to sound reproduction equipment and musical instruments, I strongly urge the trustees to narrow the time window to 11:00pm and 7:00am [\[118890337287\]](#)

I have no issues with the rules as they currently stand. Thanks for all you do! [\[118890336559\]](#)

Sound of racing car/cars also explosions from Battelle Neighbor's lite shinning at my house every night is more of a problem [\[118890299373\]](#)

I realize that ordinances are made by necessity and because this obviously is affecting someone. I am neutral in my support because I am not having a noise issue other than stated above. I trust that you as trustees will make a decision based on the needs of the majority, therefore I would back a noise ordinance if you feel it's necessary. [\[118890277802\]](#)

The increased presence of traffic noise, loud engines, exhaust, and music has increasingly become an issue. The other issue has been construction noise starting very early in the morning, while intermittent when it does happen is constant and will persist over weeks at a time. [\[118890270701\]](#)

I would greatly appreciate more traffic control with loud cars and speeding [\[118890268105\]](#)

We are very hopeful this problem is being solved! If this speeding and racing isn't handled it will be just a matter of time till innocent persons will pay the price! [\[118890201399\]](#)

I do not see the need for such a resolution. [\[118890201382\]](#)

I'm respectfully express my opposition to the proposed noise ordinance currently under consideration in our township. While I understand the intent to promote peace and good neighborly relations, I believe that a strict or broadly applied noise ordinance is unnecessary and potentially harmful in a rural setting such as ours. One of the defining aspects of living in the country is the freedom it affords-whether that means maintaining livestock, working on equipment, hosting gatherings or simply enjoying the outdoors without undue regulation. Many rural activities naturally involve a degree of noise-farm work, engines, tools, recreational vehicles and celebrations among family and friends. Enacting a noise ordinance risks. Criminalizing or restricting everyday life for many residents and may lead to excessive enforcement or neighbor disputes over subjective interpretations of "nuisance" sounds. Our community has long thrived on mutual respect and open communication among neighbors. If specific concerns arise, they can often be resolved informally, without the need for sweeping legislation. I urge the board to reconsider this proposal to avoid infringing on rural lifestyles and personal freedoms. Sincerely Shawn Runyon 8863 Morris Rd Brown Township [\[118890201322\]](#)

There are some parties around holidays. This is no concern to us. We oppose the firing of semi automatic guns on Carter Road & Walker Road because of noise and because of safety, and the anxiety it causes children and animals. [\[118890195291\]](#)

I believe the 300ft distance is too far. The surrounding townships, Prairie and Norwich, that have similar noise ordinances specify a 100ft distance. When you live next door to noise pollution, making the distance 300ft defeats the purpose. Neighbor 'A' to my right is being loud and obnoxious producing a noise at 125ft. Too loud for me to enjoy my property peacefully. Neighbor 'D' to my left, who might live 350ft away, doesn't complain as it isn't loud 'enough'. So the Noise from neighbor 'A' continues. The next day, neighbor 'A' is being loud again, but this time, neighbor 'D' does hear it and complains. Now it gets called in. 300ft is too far as it doesn't take into account the people that live close to each other. [\[118890178732\]](#)

We moved to Brown Township for its Rural charm and understanding. We have been shooting skeet and doing target shooting in our back yard for 20 years (and yes we contact the Sheriff office prior to starting) with this we will no longer be able to do that. If the housing developments don't like the country sounds....then THEY CAN MOVE!!!! If you are going to put in these types of regulations in effect, you might as well incorporate us into a city as we will basically be under the same regulations. If this goes through - YOU'LL NOT HAVE MY VOTE FOR ANOTHER SINGLE THING. WE'RE OUT!!!! [\[118890021313\]](#)

The most annoying thing is yearly fireworks in the summer. But I'd prefer to let people have their fun a few days a year without intervention. [\[118889983430\]](#)

I would be opposed to a resolution that could easily be weaponized by an individual. Vehicular noise is typically the only source of noise in our area during the proposed hours, and it will unlikely be handled, or a massive misuse of resources. [\[118889781742\]](#)

I don't think there's anything we can do about the highway noise, but a wall would be amazing. It's mostly motorists that are our problem. [\[118889738221\]](#)

I don't think you can adequately define what is exempt or prohibited. Is this really a problem or just a few neighbors that can't work things out? [\[118889511705\]](#)

All homeowners should have the freedom to do what they want on their properties. Neighbors should communicate with each other to solve disagreements and to be good neighbors. Maybe the person(s) who started this should move to a subdivision. This resolution is unnecessary. [\[118889487120\]](#)

Overall noise in Brown is not to concerning. Weekend or Holiday parties are acceptable. My biggest concern is barking Dogs after 12am. And No I'm not talking about coyotes. [\[118889475330\]](#)

We are happy here and don't feel a need for change. We know it's a busy road with noisy traffic but we get along well with neighbors and have no issues with other noise in the area and do not wish to have strict rules in place out here. Many folks have land and space so they can have more freedoms with noise and in general. We don't wish to take that away or change it. Thanks! [\[118889461095\]](#)

This is what happens when you mix country life with neighborhood developments. [\[118889413096\]](#)

This was been brought up years ago with a resounding "No" from brown tsp residents. I am extremely opposed to any type of noise ordinance. We have cherished this area for 30 years and do not want an ordinance. People opposed to types of noises and activities can move back into city limits where they can complain to that government entity. We should not change our way of life. [\[118889404701\]](#)

PLEASE!!!! I beg you. Control the noise fromt the temple from the get go. It's one thing to hear your neighbor mowing or kids playing. It's a whole other to be forced to listen to music, drumming, chanting. They have enough property that they should be able to make it so neighbors don't have to hear it or have their dishes clang in the cupboards. [\[118889364860\]](#)

Weekends 11:00-6:00 ATV and motorbikes need to be included in excessive noise. Add intentionally making noises to bother a neighbor. (harassing) [\[118889364549\]](#)

Not only noise in the hours you mentioned but during the evening too [\[118889355973\]](#)

Always comes down to 1 or 2 bad actors that cause the problems [\[118889343885\]](#)

Brown township residents have previously expressed desire to stay rural. You can't be rural on one hand and urban on another. I am disappointed that this is even being considered and am 100% opposed to any noise resolution. [\[118889340515\]](#)

This idea of a noise resolution is foolish and unnecessary. [\[118889338953\]](#)

10 pm is definitely unreasonable. 11 pm at the earliest but would prefer midnight if this has to happen. I work till 7 pm then spend time with my family, eating dinner, bathing my child, reading them books then setting them to bed till they fall asleep. The earliest I get outside to do things is 9 pm. Sometimes later. 10 pm would not give me ample time to get my outdoor things done without making noise. We don't all have that 9-5 job. Some of us have that 7-7 job just trying to make it. [\[118889301739\]](#)

I think it's a good idea. [\[118889297382\]](#)

Many of us chose to live in this rural township specifically because of the freedom it offers—freedom to enjoy our property, our hobbies, and our community without excessive regulation. Out here, it's normal to hear things like target shooting, kids riding quads, or someone running a chainsaw or tractor. It's also part of our culture to have small fireworks shows on summer nights, especially around holidays. These sounds aren't disturbances—they're signs of a living, breathing rural community. I'm concerned that an ordinance like this would invite unnecessary complaints over everyday rural activities. Instead of protecting peace, it could divide neighbors and punish people for simply enjoying the land they live on. [\[118889283122\]](#)

I believe 9:00PM till 8:00AM would be better time. Being retired, I like to have a restful sleep. Usually I get it, but during the summer months and especially on long weekends or holidays you just put up with the noise. I don't think it is fair or right for a person to suffer lose of sleep just because someone has extra time on their hands to play. [\[118889247933\]](#)

If this is truly limited to 10 pm to 7 am then I would support it. I do not support daytime restrictions. [\[118889221552\]](#)

We rarely have noise disturbances. Fireworks a few times a year, which I wouldn't want to ban for noise, only if they are dangerous. It would be useful to know what complaints are happening. Is it loud parties elsewhere in the township? The main noise issue we have is people firing guns--it is extremely distressing and can go on and on. It makes our yard unusable, since we have to go inside to feel safe. (I'm not exaggerating; there have been examples of bullets hitting other people's barns and boats in their yard.) Most of these people are target shooting illegally, since their property isn't big enough for them to do it legally. But the police seem reluctant to enforce the law. So I don't see that they'd be willing to enforce a noise ordinance about it, either. In short, we'd like to have the shooting restrictions that are already on the books enforced, and personally don't see any need for noise ordinances. But we're not opposed to a 10pm-7am one, if it really helps some people who are having real problems. [\[118889070623\]](#)

Seems like this would outlaw fireworks after 10 p.m. That would be good. [\[118888932648\]](#)

Sound hasn't been an issue for us but it seems reasonable for there to be recourse for anyone being disturbed by unreasonable sounds at night [\[118888627084\]](#)

1. I wasn't aware there was a noise issue. 2. Please add fireworks after 12 midnight 3. Are all the restrictions in the 10pm-7am period? Not sure it's clear from the write-up and this questionnaire [\[118888624094\]](#)

It's never a bad idea to have some sort of a noise ordinance within reason. For example, New Years Eve and July 4th holidays should be exempt for celebration of fireworks. However, having a neighbor shooting target practice anytime after 10pm can be quite unsettling. [\[118888617893\]](#)

I moved to country to get away from government in my business :) [\[118888611806\]](#)

Common sense noise control. Yes [\[118888588432\]](#)

This is not needed. Just more government interference. [\[118888585913\]](#)

We have not had issues other than people shooting guns. [\[118888576869\]](#)

As drafted, I felt paragraph "B" made the resolution only applicable to places with the liquor permit. Would it make sense to move paragraph "B" to follow current paragraph "E"? Might be clearer. [\[118888550897\]](#)

I would prefer 11pm as the starting time. [\[118888548219\]](#)

We don't want limits on noise. We just want freedom to do what we want. The government should not have authority over nondestructive noise. Maybe if it's a constant problem, but that should be between neighbors. Let people deal with their own problems and don't get involved please. [\[118888542265\]](#)

I'm not aware of specific issues that this resolution is trying to address. Also while I know not impacted with this resolution, just want to ensure that this doesn't expand or creep over time to include target shooting or legal hunting activities. We're a rural township with community members that actually enjoy living a rural lifestyle, we should not lose that over time as others look to continue development. [\[118888527175\]](#)

What are the problems this resolution is trying to solve? Have neighbors kindly attempted to resolve the problems with their other neighbors before a resolution proposed? Creating a noise resolution could inhibit residents occasional use of amplification for family parties. These outdoor gatherings are accepted as a normal part of living in a rural area and why we chose to live here. Drums within houses, occasional outdoor karaoke, are acceptable to me. [\[118888527001\]](#)

people want to live in brown township for one main reason. Enjoy the quiet as I have for most of my 66 years living here until these past 3 or so years. If you don't enjoy quiet then consider moving back to whatever loud city neighborhood you came from [\[118888511057\]](#)

Unfortunately this complaint is limited to only one area. I trust you to make the best decision. [\[118888488430\]](#)

If any resolution should be passed it should be for unreasonable electronic/live music only. [\[118888487844\]](#)

We moved to this area for the space and freedom that comes with it, including the ability to enjoy time outdoors with friends and family. One example: we regularly watch Ohio State night games together on an outdoor screen. Kickoff is often at 8 PM and the games easily go past 10 PM. Under this resolution, a tradition like that could suddenly be considered a violation. In all my time living here, I've never had a noise issue like this or heard complaints from neighbors about it. These gatherings aren't disruptive — they're part of what makes this community enjoyable and welcoming. It feels like we're creating rules just for the sake of having rules. When that happens, we risk becoming overregulated and losing the simple freedoms that drew us to this area in the first place. I hope the board considers whether this resolution truly solves a problem, or just creates unnecessary restrictions on everyday life. [\[118888475544\]](#)

More-so feel any noise resolution should be on a Sun thru Thurs PM basis. [\[118888473792\]](#)

Don't need this. I don't support it. [\[118888466931\]](#)

I've lived in Brown Township for 13 years and have never experienced a noise issue that couldn't be resolved through a simple, polite conversation. This resolution feels unnecessary and risks encouraging people to file anonymous complaints instead of talking to their neighbors. That's not the kind of community I want to live in. We don't need more regulation to handle rare or isolated noise concerns. What we need is to support open communication and common sense. This kind of policy could create more division than it solves, especially if it's enforced unevenly or misused. Please consider whether this resolution truly addresses a real, widespread problem — or whether it adds unnecessary rules that could actually weaken the connections between residents. [\[118888465429\]](#)

I agree with the proposal. I wish there was a way to limit the sounds of class 6 vehicles coming down Elliott many times a day at the max speed. It truly is the only thing that disrupts the peace of the township near us. Our neighbors are very courteous and usually end all noise at 10. [\[118888458296\]](#)

This is an overstep. If you want somebody to dictate what you can and can't do on your property move to the suburbs. [\[118888450300\]](#)

Sports games sometimes last longer than 10pm. Farmers just to farm until 3am or later due to weather. I have never experienced what I would consider unacceptable noise. i live across from a slaughter house where the stench is awful. It is supposedly for family only yet I see semi after semi going in How about a resolution for smell [\[118888447495\]](#)

Worry about theft in the area, sheriff's dont have time to deal with petty things like a noise issue [\[118888420191\]](#)

I rather have law enforcement focus on theft not noise. [\[118888419853\]](#)

the only thing that we hear is some bands every once and awhile but it does not bother us . i think if some of these where ask to turn things down they would most likely do it . i also think that some of these complaints are coming from surrounding areas of the township. i think there are a lot worse things that should be looked at [\[118888419582\]](#)

This seems to be another step toward becoming an incorporated part of Columbus or Hilliard. The slippery slope is getting steeper. [\[118888414440\]](#)

I understand the resolution and its scope, I just worry that this is a slippery slope to more rules . Hard to believe we don't have a county rule that covers these items. But, overall I'm in favor of this action and appreciate the opportunity to review it before it was enacted. [\[118888413917\]](#)

Why the exceptions for mining and oil drilling? Seems odd. 10pm seems somewhat early for a weekend gathering like for a Buckeye game or birthday party. 11pm or midnight on weekends (maybe with a permit?) seems reasonable. [\[118888352310\]](#)

I did not see anything in the resolution that addresses barking dogs at the puppy mill near Amity and Feder rd making it impossible to enjoy being outside during early morning or evening hours. [\[118888345850\]](#)

This is not a concern in my area as people here are respectful, mindful of their actions and spread out far enough that we do not have a need for further governance. More importantly, we tread a slippery slope when we try regulate what sounds are "allowed" or are "appropriate" as sound is such a subjective concept. What else will others try to regulate?? [\[118888213004\]](#)

As stated in my previous comments, I am in support of noise control for Brown Township. I think certain noises, or chronic long term noise should be regulated even during day time hours. We moved to Brown Township for peace and tranquility. We have honestly considered moving just because of the constant noise from this 1 neighbor. I look forward to the Brown township trustees helping to mitigate these problems. Thank you! [\[118888187019\]](#)

Loud music that others are forced to listen to should not be only between these hours. It should be during all times. Open up the shed and got him a. Overly loud music should not be permitted during the day time either. Not if it's so loud neighbors on 5 acher lots can still hear it loudly on there property!! [\[118888179631\]](#)

It's a waste of time and our tax money. Just keep government out of our lives. That's why most of us moved here years ago. Don't start treating this like a big city. [\[118888161642\]](#)

I have experienced no issues of excessive noise and feel that this is a waste of time and effort [\[118888160090\]](#)

Granted, I live on 7 acres, not in a neighborhood. But I used to. And people who complain about fireworks on the 4th or NYE need to chill out. If your dog doesn't like it, prep for it. It's

an expected event. The only noise I don't like hearing are gunshots, because there's no telling where it's coming from or where it's going. [\[118888159528\]](#)

44 year resident of Brown twp. Never had a complaint never had a reason to complain. In the end this ordinance will be used to stop people from doing pleasurable activities that hurt no one. Moved here because I did not like dealing with in town regulations and city restrictions . Don't ruin our township NO ORDINANCE [\[118888153176\]](#)

Noise violations are so infrequent here, and if someone is having a party on one day of the year, let them party. Where we live, there are also noise violations from across Darby Creek, so we deal with that at times too. I am generally for the least amount of regulation. [\[118888137953\]](#)

It is quiet and peaceful where we are on Jones Rd. [\[118888130519\]](#)

I moved out here with the knowledge it was rural with the city nearby. If you want pure country you need to move way out. And if your way out they're still gonna have bonfires, music, and run things with engines. Do you expect tractors not to operate after 10 when they're trying to run when it's not raining? [\[118888107895\]](#)

Hard for me to say, as all our neighbors are great and the only "unreasonable" noises are coming from traffic on Feder. I just don't want a stepping stone to stricter noise rules. This proposal is pretty common sense though, so it is hard to argue with and other than the whole "government getting into our business" deal, I have no real argument against this. [\[118888106102\]](#)

I am strongly in favor of a noise ordinance. [\[118888094188\]](#)

Thank you for doing this! [\[118888084367\]](#)

The proposed resolution seems reasonable and includes appropriate violations. I am happy with the resolution as is. [\[118888083844\]](#)