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A. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons being present in or about any building, dwelling, structure, premises, shelter, or place within the Town of Canton to create, assist in creating, make, cause or allow to be made any unreasonable or excessive noise, including but not limited to such noise resulting from the operation of any sound producing device or instrument, or from the playing of any band or orchestra, or from the use of any device to amplify the aforesaid noise, or from the making of excessive outcries, exclamations, or loud singing or any other excessive noise by a person or group of persons, or from the use of any device to amplify such noise provided, however, that any performance, concert, establishment, band, group or person who has received and maintains a valid license or permit from any department, board or commission of the Town of Canton authorized to issue such license or permit shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

B. Any person aggrieved by such disturbance of the peace may complain to the Police about such unreasonable or excessive noise. The Police, in response to each complaint, shall verify by use of the sound level meter described herein that the noise complained of does exceed the limit described herein and if so, may seek enforcement through a non-criminal proceeding pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D or make application in the appropriate court for issuance of a criminal complaint.

Each violation of this Noise By-law shall be punishable by a penalty of \$300.00 with each day a violation continues constituting a separate offense.

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