



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Noise Control Policy & Procedures

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Current Noise Ordinance

- Residential
 - Enforceable 24/7 Noise Level Dependent
 - 50' Measurement From All Four Sides Of The House
 - 65 dBA Day (7 a.m. to 9 p.m.)
 - 56 dBA Night (9 p.m. to 7 a.m.)
- Construction
 - From 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - 75 dBA If The Department (DPIE) Has Not Approved A Noise-Suppression Plan For The Activity
 - 85 dBA If The Department (DPIE) Has Approved A Noise-Suppression Plan For The Activity.
 - Noise Levels Must Be Measured At The Location, At Least 50 Feet From The Source, On A Receiving Property Where The Noise Is Greatest.
- Commercial
 - 67 dB Day (7 a.m. to 9 p.m.)
 - 62 dB Night (9 p.m. to 7 a.m.)

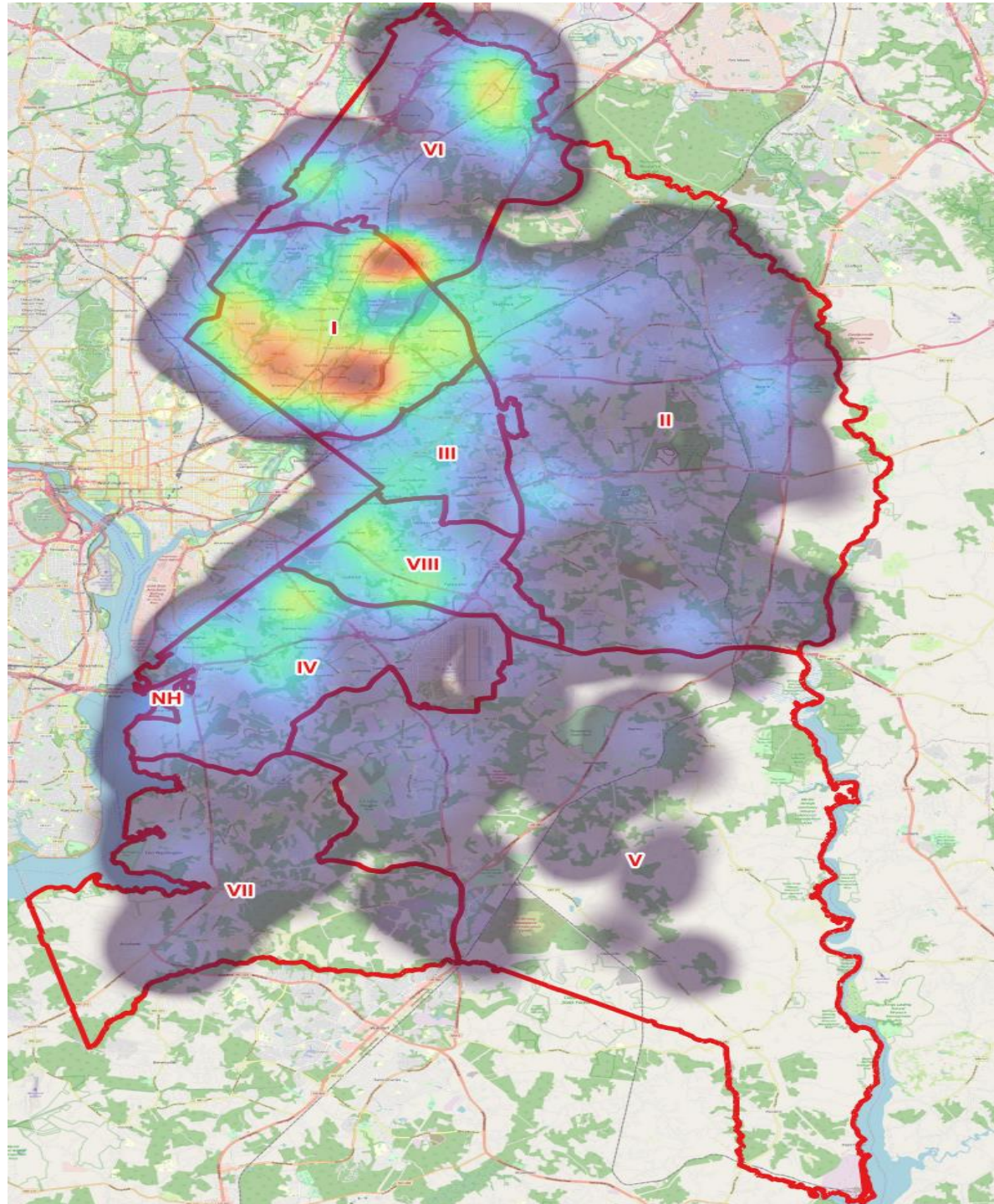
Noise Ordinance Penalties

- Any Person, Who After Instructed To Cease The Noise Shall Be Subjected To Fine Not To Exceed \$500 For A First Offense
- \$1,000 For Each Subsequent Offense Or Imprisonment Not Exceeding 30 Days Or Both
- As An Alternative To Criminal Action, The Director, Police Chief, Enforcement Officer Or Police Officer May Issue A Civil Citation For Any Violation Not Exceeding \$500 For A First Offence, And \$1,000 For Each Subsequent Offense

Yearly Calls For Service Totals

Incident Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
LOUD MUSIC COMPLAINT	8807	8090	7135	2334	26366
NOISE COMPLAINT	4260	3565	3183	1293	12301
Total	13067	11655	10318	3627	38667

Noise Related Calls For Service Density 2023



How Are Noise Complaints Received & Resolved

- Citizen Complaint In Person
 - Officer Will Notify Public Safety Communications
 - Respond Immediately
 - Resolved On Scene
- Complaint Is Filed Through 911
 - Call For Service Will Be Generated And Dispatched
 - Response Time Can Vary Depending On Call Volume
 - Typically, Within 10-20 Minutes
 - Resolved On Scene

How Are Noise Complaints Received & Resolved (Cont.)

- Complaint is filed through 311 Or By Email To Division Commander
 - Response Time Can Vary And Take Up To A Few Days
 - These Tend To Be Long Term In Nature
 - On Going Loud Party Complaints & Pop-Up Events
 - Investigation Initiated By JAG (Joint Agency Group)
 - DPIE Included If Nuisance Property Is Established
 - Construction
 - DPIE
 - Division COPS Officers

Noise Ordinance Enforcement

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 - All Calls For Service Were Mediated At The Patrol Officer Level
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Alternative Ordinance Enforcement

- Create Awareness And Education Through Social Media & Departmental Components
 - Media Relations Division
 - COPS Officers
 - Community Meetings
- Involvement And Coordination With HOA's