

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA, that Section 15-2 of the Code of Florence, Alabama, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 15-2. Definitions.**

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Ambient sound level* shall mean the A-weighted sound level of all sound associated with a given environment, exceeded ninety (90) percent of the time (L90) measured and being a composite of sounds from many sources during the period of observance while the sound from the noise source of interest is not present.

*A-weighted sound pressure level* shall mean the sound pressure level as measured with a sound level meter using the A-weighting network. The standard notation is dBA.

*Commercial or business property category* shall mean such property as is zoned B-1, B-1H, B-2, B-3, R-B, 1-1, 1-2, H-1, SD, and/or FAR in Appendix C to the Florence Municipal Code.

*Daytime hours* shall mean (a) the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for residential property; (b) the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday – Thursday for commercial property; and (c) the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday for commercial property.

*Decibel* shall mean a logarithmic unit of measure often used in measuring magnitudes of sound. The symbol is dB.

*Impulsive sound* is a sound having a duration of less than one (1) second with an abrupt onset and rapid decay that is not repetitive.

*Nighttime hours* shall mean (a) the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. for residential property; (b) the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Sunday – Thursday for commercial property; and (c) the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday for commercial property.

*Real property line* is the line, including its vertical extension that separates one (1) parcel of real property from another.

*Residential property category* shall mean such property as is zoned R-1, R-2, and/or R-3 in Appendix C to the Florence Municipal Code.

*Sound* shall mean an oscillation in pressure, stress, particle, displacement and particle velocity which includes auditory sensation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this ordinance in the *Times Daily*, and that this ordinance shall go into effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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MAYOR

ADOPTED & APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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CITY CLERK-TREASURER

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