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Dear Chester Town Board,

One more comment, below is an excerpt from NY General Business Law, Sec. 150, Shooting Ranges, it states, “no shooting range shall be operated during the period from 10:00 pm until 7:00 a.m. unless a local law or ordinance specifically authorized the operation...”

The Town does have the ability to restrict times of operation. I just wanted to bring this to your attention.

New York General Business Law
Sec. 150
Shooting Ranges

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions one and two of this section, no shooting range shall be operated during the period from 10:00 PM until 7:00 AM unless a local law or ordinance specifically authorizes the operation of a shooting range during all or any portion of such time period.

https://newyork.public.law/laws/n.y._general_business_law_section_150

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Dear Chester Town Board,

Below are some of my suggestions for possible changes and consideration of the new Town Noise Ordinance guidelines that you left open for public comment until your next Town Board meeting.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and efforts to address this very important issue.

Page 4 definition of "Residential District"

RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT An area of single-family or multi-family dwellings and shall include areas where multiple-unit dwellings, high-rise apartments and high-density residential districts are located. "Residential District" shall include, but not be limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, residences for the aged, schools, courts and similar institutional facilities.

Hospitals, schools and courts should not be considered the same as residential properties. They should be categorized as commercial facilities. Residential properties are privately owned and are properties where people go for rest and personal family time and gathering. Hospitals, schools and courts are commercial businesses. Hospitals have ambulances and emergency vehicles coming and going at all hours of the day. People coming and going at all hours of the day and night. I believe these commercial/institutional businesses should not be considered the same as a residence.

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§66-5. Prohibited Acts

No person, with the intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof shall cause, suffer, allow or permit to be made unreasonable noise. For purposes of this law, unreasonable noise is any disturbing, excessive, or offensive sound that disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.

- a) Any unreasonable noise from any source between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays, and between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekends.

Weekend cut off for noise should be at 10:00 pm..... people have the ability to gather from morning till evening, 10:00 pm should be the cut off for noise on the weekend. Some people work on the weekends and should not be subjected to late noise disturbance.

- b) Noise from a dog or other pet animal that is continuous and exceeds 15 minutes in duration, in further compliance with Town of Chester Code §42-4(B).

Ten (10) minutes should be the allowed time for a dog to continue barking. 15 minutes is a long time for an animal to be making noise.

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§66-6. Exemptions.

- 11) Noise generated from the lawful discharge of firearms during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This exemption shall apply to other organization or individual that has the lawful

right to discharge a firearm. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any lawful discharge of a firearm during hunting season shall be from sunrise to sunset.

Firearms should not be discharged close to residential areas.

12) The Monroe Chester Sportsman's Club, established 1935, shall be exempt from this law.

Just because a group was "established" 85 years ago should not mean that they automatically get "exempt" from complying with laws that should be meant to protect all people.

People were not living in close proximity to the Monroe Sportsman's Club 85 years ago, the surrounding land was all forest till housing development began in that area. In the past 20 years, homes have been built and people are now living in the area surrounding the sportsman's club. Times change, laws should change according to the circumstance.

Everyone has the right to a peaceful coexistence and a right to be safe.

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Yours truly,
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