



Council Work Session
Parma Heights City Hall
Monday, February 27, 2023

6:15 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Committee of the Whole discussion regarding updated peace disturbance ordinance. (Attached)
3. Adjournment

CITY HALL WILL BE OPEN FOR THE MEETING

City of Parma Heights
6281 Pearl Road Parma Heights, OH 44130

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 –

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND ENACTING SECTION 648.17 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, ENTITLED, “DOMESTIC POWER TOOLS” TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW SECTION OF THE “PEACE DISTURBANCES” CHAPTER OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE

WHEREAS, current code regulations do not restrict the hours of operation that domestic power tools can be used within the City of Parma Heights. The noise of domestic power tools, including, but not limited to, lawn mowers jeopardizes the peaceful enjoyment of residents; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 648 of the Ohio Revised Code governs various peace disturbances; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Administration and Council to establish and enact regulations on domestic power tools under Section 648.17 of the Ohio Revised Code in the City of Parma Heights in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma Heights and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Council does hereby establish and enact Section 648.17, entitled, “Domestic Power Tools” of the General Offenses Code, which reads in its entirety as set forth in “Exhibit A” and which is attached to this Ordinance and incorporated by reference as if fully rewritten herein.

Section 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal action of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date provided for by law.

PASSED: _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____

MAYOR MARIE GALLO

648.17 DOMESTIC POWER TOOLS.

- (a) No person shall operate or permit the operation of any domestic power tools used outdoors in residential areas between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. the following day so as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary; powered snow removal equipment is included except during a snow emergency within the City.
- (b) No person shall operate or permit the operation of powered model vehicles so as to create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary or in a public space between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. the following day.
- (c) During the permitted period of operation, maximum sound levels in a residential area shall not exceed eighty (80) dBA measured at a distance of fifty feet from any point on the path of the vehicle or other noise source.
- (d) Whoever violates any provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor, unless the violation is made willfully and knowingly, in which case the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.
- (e) For the purposes of this section, "Domestic power tools" means power tools or equipment used for home or building repair, maintenance, alteration, or other home manual arts projects, including but not limited to powered hand tools, lawn mowers, and garden equipment.