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A draft noise control ordinance was presented to Lower Paxton Twp. supervisors at the June 8 workshop meeting.

The proposed ordinance would change enforcement and allow police and code enforcement officers to issue citations for noise violations.

Fines can be charged up to \$600 for each offense and offenders could be imprisoned for up to 90 days, according to the proposal.

While the ordinance allows for temporary permits for certain noisy activities, it sets noise disturbance standards for day and night hours.

The new standards would regulate everything from loud vehicles to construction and power tool noise to disturbances caused by radio, televisions, stereos and musical instruments.

Neighborhood parties could be cited after 9 p.m. Loud use of lawn or snow equipment or banging of trash cans also could be cited after 9 p.m. Dog barking and howling, and other animal noises that occur frequently or are continuous also might result in a warning to the pet owner and then upon a second occurrence, a citation.

Public safety director David Johnson said that more than 400 complaints were received last year.

The ordinance will be advertised for public comment and presented at a township supervisors' meeting for approval.

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