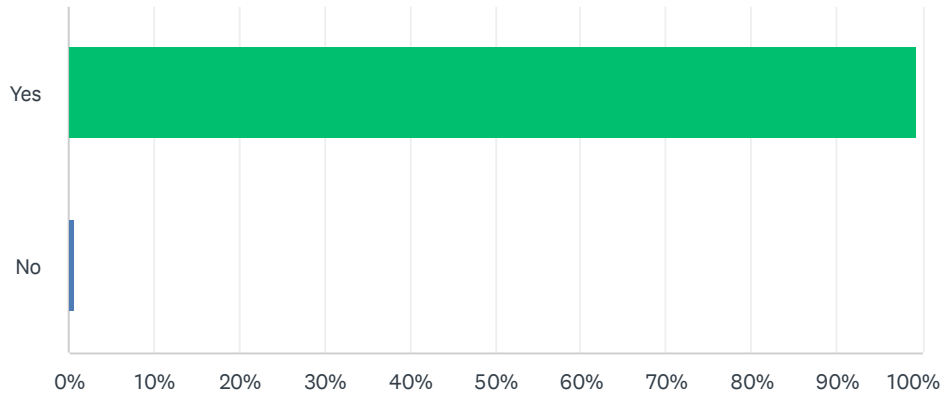


## Q1 Are you a resident of Southborough

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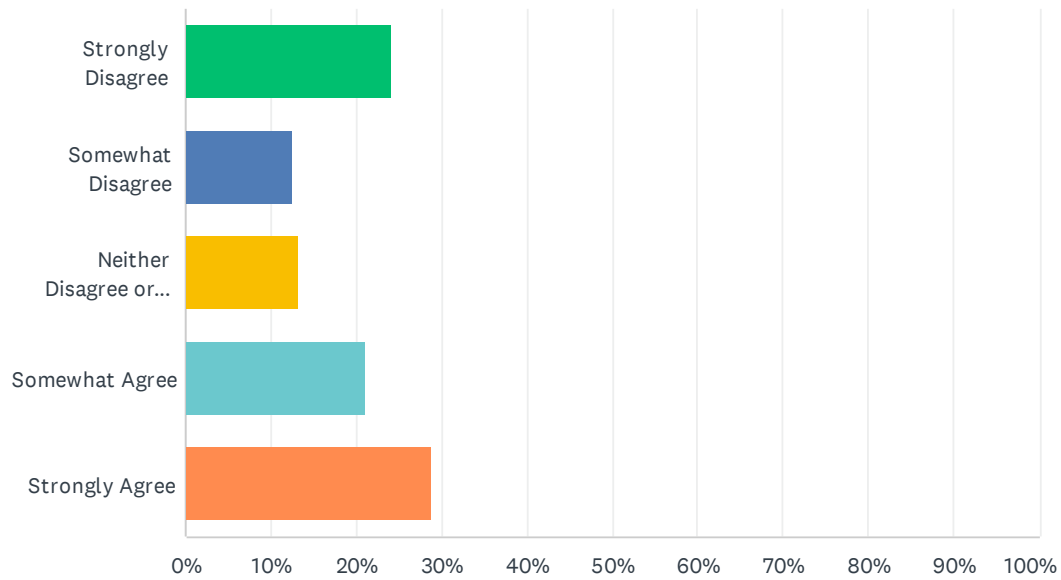


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	99.37% 470
No	0.63% 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>473</b>

#	COMMENT	DATE
1	Resident 20 plus years	12/29/2021 9:10 PM
2	Residents since 1977	12/24/2021 9:30 AM
3	Related	12/24/2021 9:14 AM
4	Pinecone Lane	12/22/2021 6:15 AM
5	40 yr residents	12/22/2021 12:41 AM
6	This is ridiculous. I need to mow my lawn when I have free time. I work for a living. I need to leaf blow when I have time. Enough of the "Mrs. Kravitz"	12/21/2021 6:59 PM
7	45 years	12/21/2021 5:11 PM
8	Sadly I live in this dictatorship community.	12/21/2021 2:51 PM
9	70 of my 77 years on this good Earth!	12/21/2021 2:32 PM
10	lifetime	12/21/2021 2:11 PM

## Q2 The Town of Southborough needs a noise bylaw.

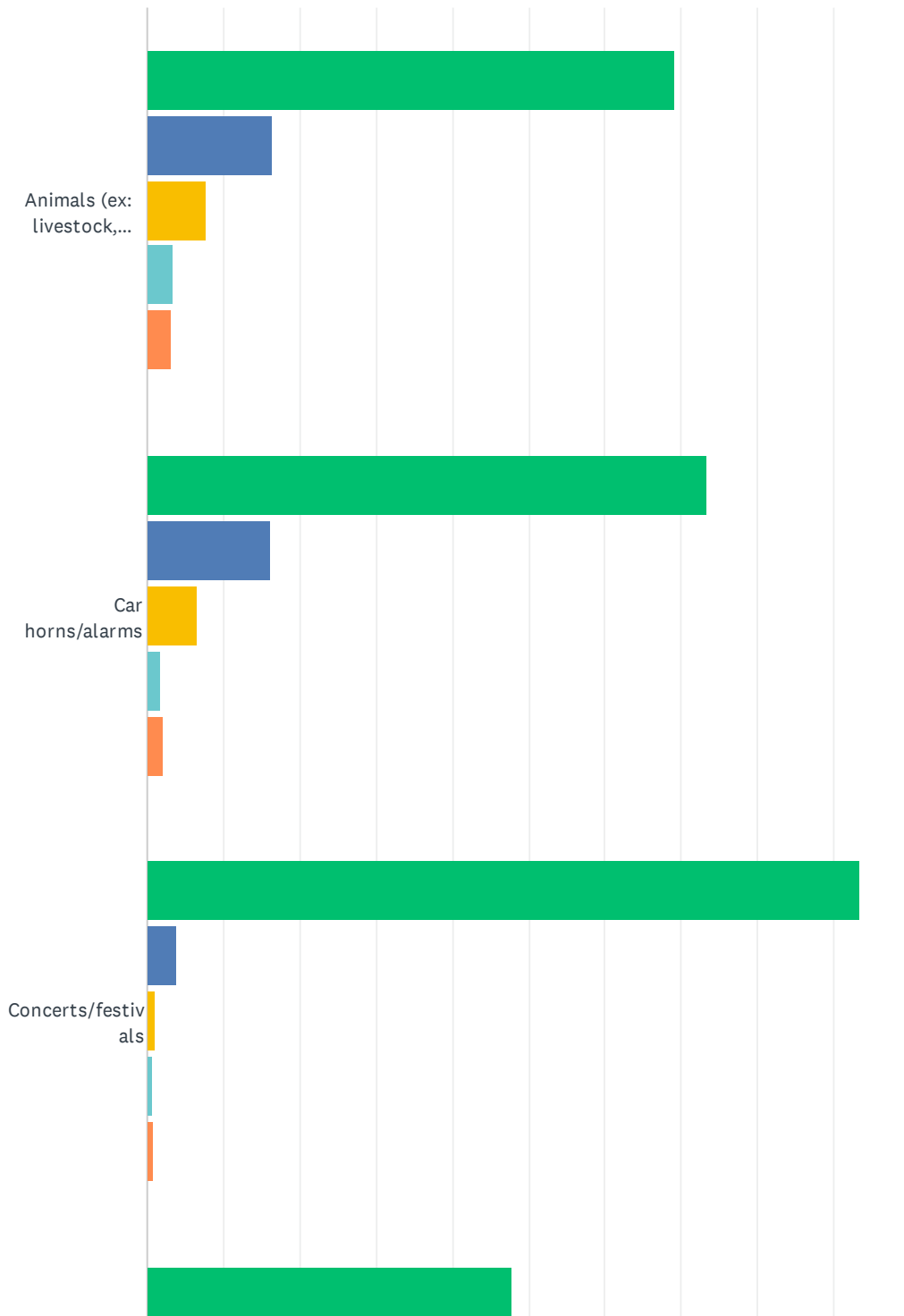
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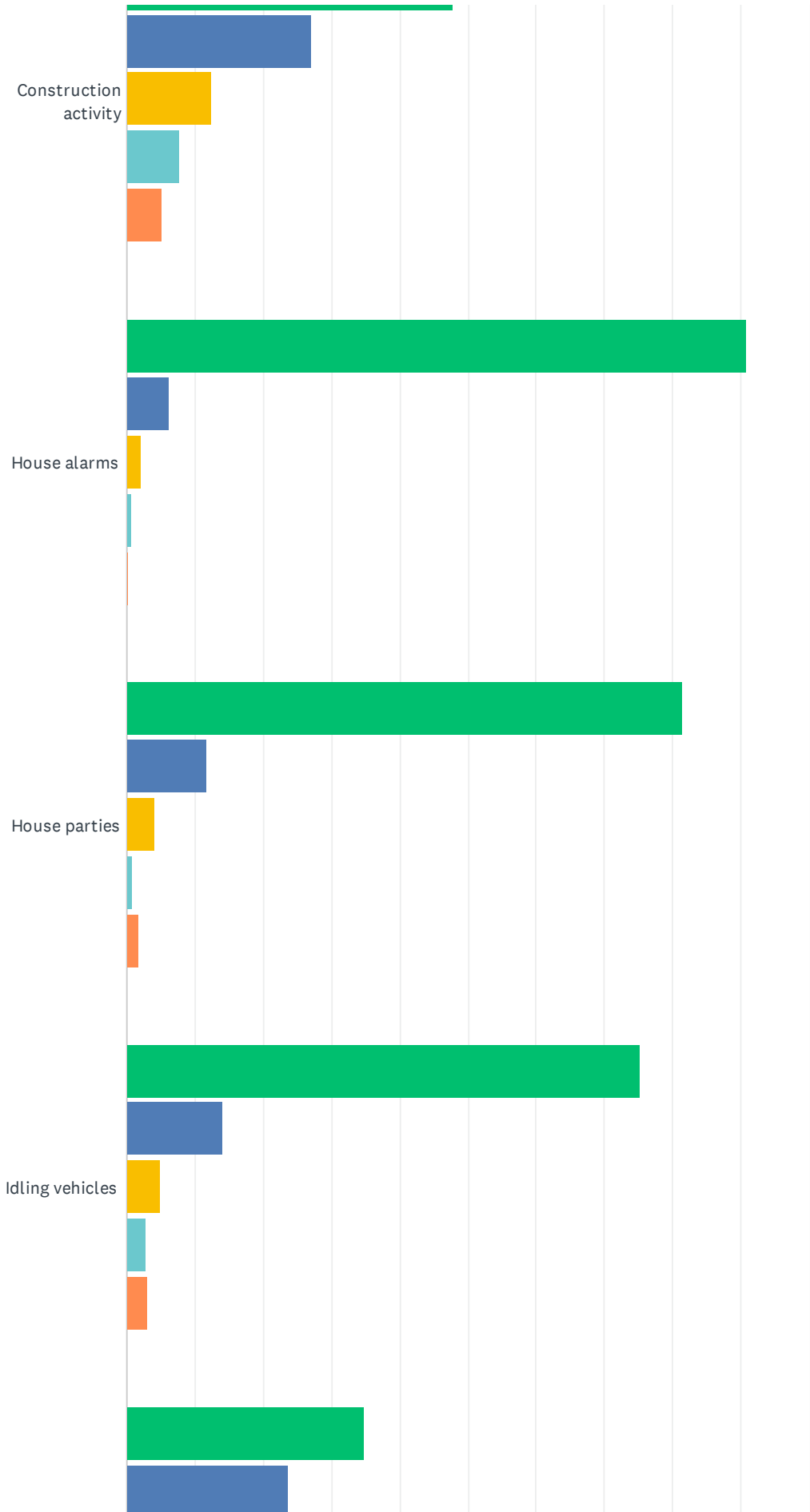
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree	24.10%	114
Somewhat Disagree	12.68%	60
Neither Disagree or Agree	13.32%	63
Somewhat Agree	21.14%	100
Strongly Agree	28.75%	136
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>473</b>

Q3 Thinking about the last 12 months or so, when you are at home, how much does noise from the following sources of sound bother, disturb or annoy you? \*Please note that Mass Pike construction is controlled by the State and would be exempt from this bylaw and ask that you exclude it from your consideration.

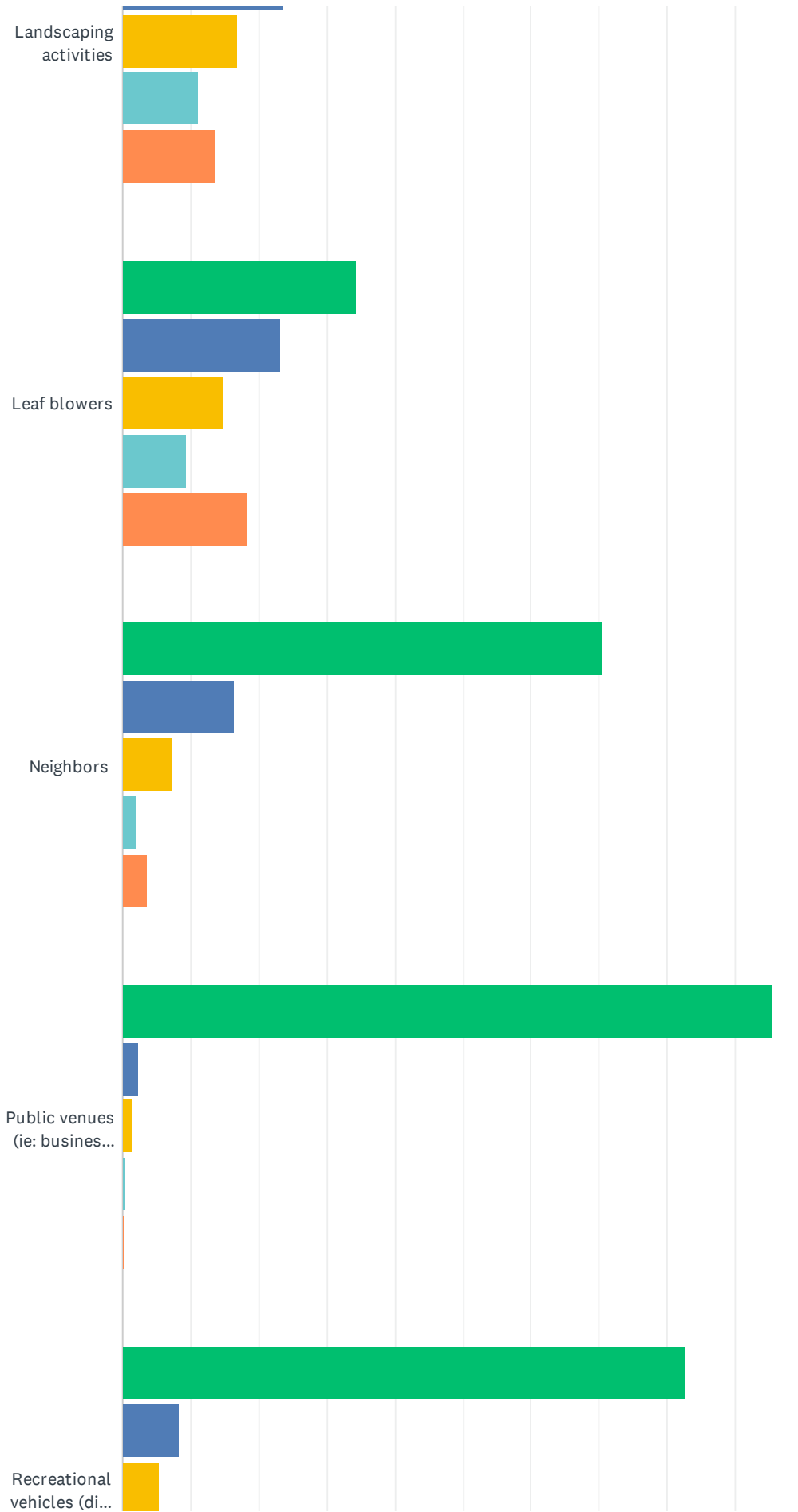
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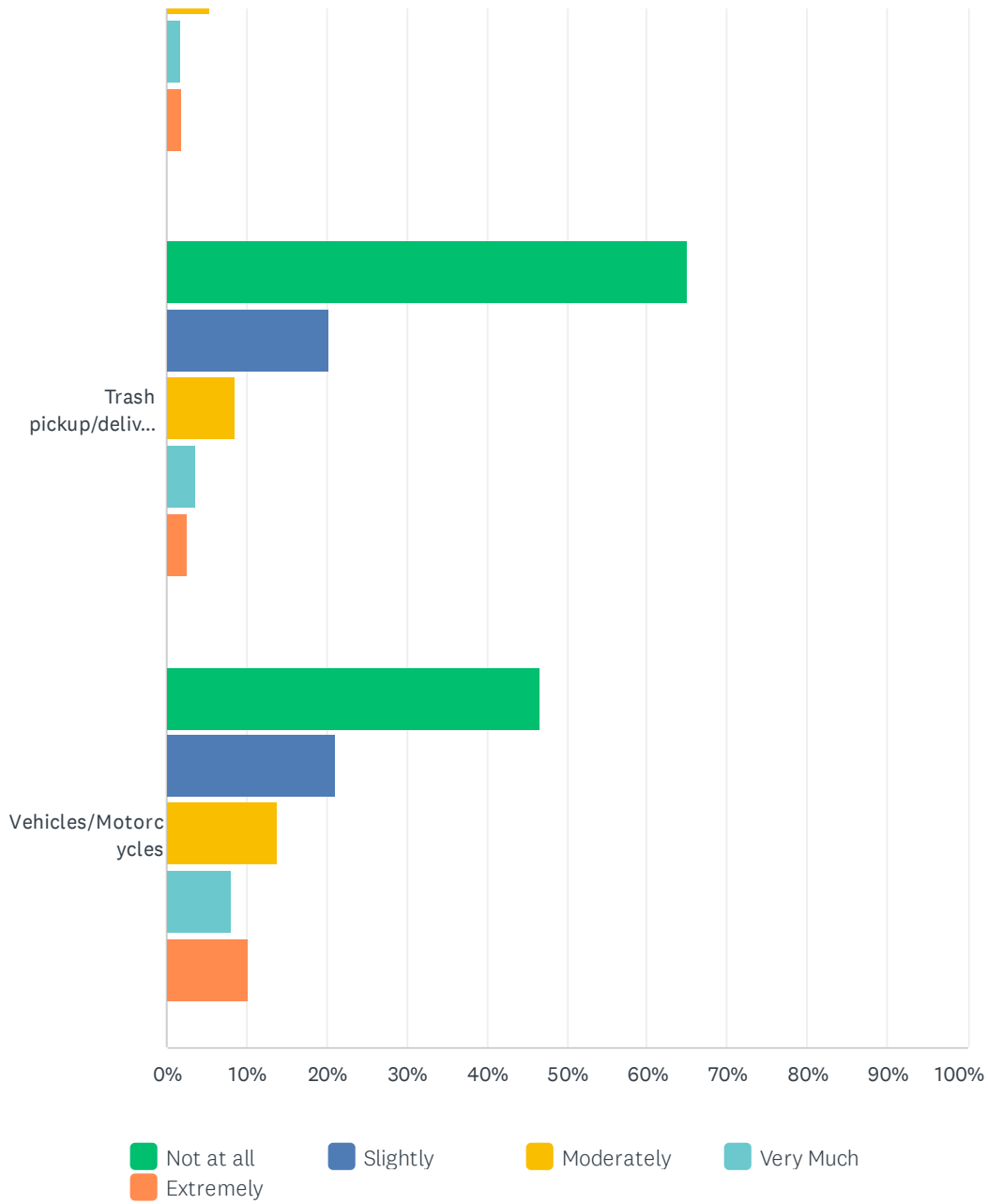
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	NOT AT ALL	SLIGHTLY	MODERATELY	VERY MUCH	EXTREMELY	TOTAL
Animals (ex: livestock, dogs, etc.)	69.13% 318	16.52% 76	7.61% 35	3.48% 16	3.26% 15	460
Car horns/alarms	73.36% 336	16.16% 74	6.55% 30	1.75% 8	2.18% 10	458
Concerts/festivals	93.46% 429	3.92% 18	1.09% 5	0.65% 3	0.87% 4	459
Construction activity	47.84% 221	27.06% 125	12.34% 57	7.58% 35	5.19% 24	462
House alarms	90.81% 415	6.13% 28	2.19% 10	0.66% 3	0.22% 1	457
House parties	81.44% 373	11.79% 54	4.15% 19	0.87% 4	1.75% 8	458
Idling vehicles	75.27% 344	14.00% 64	4.81% 22	2.84% 13	3.06% 14	457
Landscaping activities	34.75% 163	23.67% 111	16.84% 79	11.09% 52	13.65% 64	469
Leaf blowers	34.39% 162	23.14% 109	14.86% 70	9.34% 44	18.26% 86	471
Neighbors	70.59% 324	16.34% 75	7.19% 33	2.18% 10	3.70% 17	459
Public venues (ie: business with outdoor seating)	95.43% 439	2.39% 11	1.52% 7	0.43% 2	0.22% 1	460
Recreational vehicles (dirt bikes, ATVs)	82.75% 379	8.30% 38	5.24% 24	1.75% 8	1.97% 9	458
Trash pickup/deliver drop offs	64.95% 302	20.22% 94	8.60% 40	3.66% 17	2.58% 12	465
Vehicles/Motorcycles	46.62% 214	21.13% 97	13.94% 64	8.06% 37	10.24% 47	459

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	loud motorcycles caravan down Rt. 85 during the spring and summer and I cannot hold a conversation in my driveway or yard when it happens. I live on a street adjacent to Rt. 85.	1/2/2022 2:05 PM
2	loud music was not a specific survey question. results might be different then generalized under "neighbors"	1/2/2022 11:11 AM
3	Add Livestock stink while you're at it. The "farm" down the block stinks to high heaven, even in Winter. It is so bad at times, you can hardly walk down the street. In Summer, even driving by makes me gag (bird farm at corner of Northborough Rd and Fisher Rd).	1/2/2022 10:16 AM
4	DUMP TRUCK EXHAUST BRAKING, AUTO TEST DRIVES WOT	1/1/2022 5:27 PM
5	I would urge the committee to focus on industrial/commercial noise. While there may be isolated one-time incidents with neighbors, long-term industrial noise presents a greater threat to public health	1/1/2022 11:27 AM
6	Idling 18-wheelers, trucks with refrigeration units running, use of Jake Brakes, dump trucks, construction noise	12/31/2021 6:01 PM
7	Trash collectors arrive at 6:15 AM to Darlene Drive!	12/31/2021 11:01 AM
8	Noise of speeding cars and trucks on Woodland Rd	12/30/2021 9:48 PM
9	Fireworks	12/30/2021 2:12 PM

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10	Industrial noise at night into the morning hours, especially backup alarms on trucks	12/30/2021 9:47 AM
11	I do not think there are any noise concern - it is all normal lifestyle activity	12/29/2021 9:10 PM
12	* The Hurricane Leaf Blowers should be banned from our Town*	12/29/2021 9:07 PM
13	Loud cars drive by our house at 11pm often. Just someone from the neighborhood I think.	12/29/2021 5:56 PM
14	I live on rt 85. Since the speed limit was increased a couple years ago the traffic issues are bad. There is no enforcement of speed anymore which has made the traffic speed very unsafe. The noise from the increased traffic speeds is the only noise problem. Obviously people have lawn services using equipment and blowers or home/yard projects requiring tools and equipment making noises but that noise is to be expected.	12/29/2021 4:26 PM
15	Traffic accidents/near accidents	12/29/2021 4:14 PM
16	Rte 9 traffic	12/29/2021 3:30 PM
17	I live on a main street so I doubt if bylaw can stop loud motorcycles or trucks	12/29/2021 2:00 PM
18	Construction of new bridges on Mass Pike	12/29/2021 11:11 AM
19	Regular highway noise	12/29/2021 6:52 AM
20	snow dumping operation at the southboro driving range operating at night	12/29/2021 4:32 AM
21	Cars with very loud exhaust systems.	12/28/2021 9:38 PM
22	Fireworks during warmer months. Very loud even on week days	12/28/2021 8:32 PM
23	Loud overhead aircraft, I think helicopters. About once a day	12/26/2021 9:04 PM
24	I have one business in a residential/conservation area. The dumpster is often dumped early in the morning before the business is open. Also my concern with vehicles and motorcycles is generally an aftermarket exhaust system that doubtfully meets the OEM's(original equipment manufacturer) or government mandated noise emissions. I'm not sure how to regulate the later concern.	12/25/2021 11:26 AM
25	More about time of day than noise level - especially mornings - and more so weekend mornings	12/25/2021 8:49 AM
26	1) Motorcycles (cafe racers) racing on I-495 , quite frequently on weekends. . . speeds ranging from 80 - 150 mph. . VERY loud and piercing. 2) Drivers of 18-wheel trucks using "engine braking" down the 1-mile decline of -495 between Rt 9, and the bridge overpass at Northborough Rd. : extremely loud noise that runs for 30-60 seconds, blanketing much of Northwestern Southborough in 7x24 racket.	12/24/2021 11:05 PM
27	Any loud noise late at night during the work week	12/24/2021 8:14 PM
28	St marks and fay school activities	12/24/2021 11:13 AM
29	St. Mark's school parties bother me	12/24/2021 8:19 AM
30	generators overnight when heat isn't required	12/23/2021 12:45 PM
31	Two years ago this neighborhood had abusive and off hours construction going on with heavy equipment many hours a day. There will be this problem again in the spring as two lots remain to be built. This construction noise was unhealthy, and was done on weekends and very early in the morning.	12/23/2021 10:11 AM
32	Airplane or helicopter noise is ridiculous extremely annoyed by them	12/22/2021 8:34 PM
33	Industrial noise on Northborough road.	12/22/2021 3:39 PM
34	Landscapers are the worst offenders	12/22/2021 3:26 PM
35	Vehicles on Framingham Road! and Coyotes howling! sometimes helicopters and planes overhead. Sirens	12/22/2021 2:22 PM
36	Dog barking	12/22/2021 1:44 PM
37	Truck "Jake" braking on Rt 9	12/22/2021 1:42 PM



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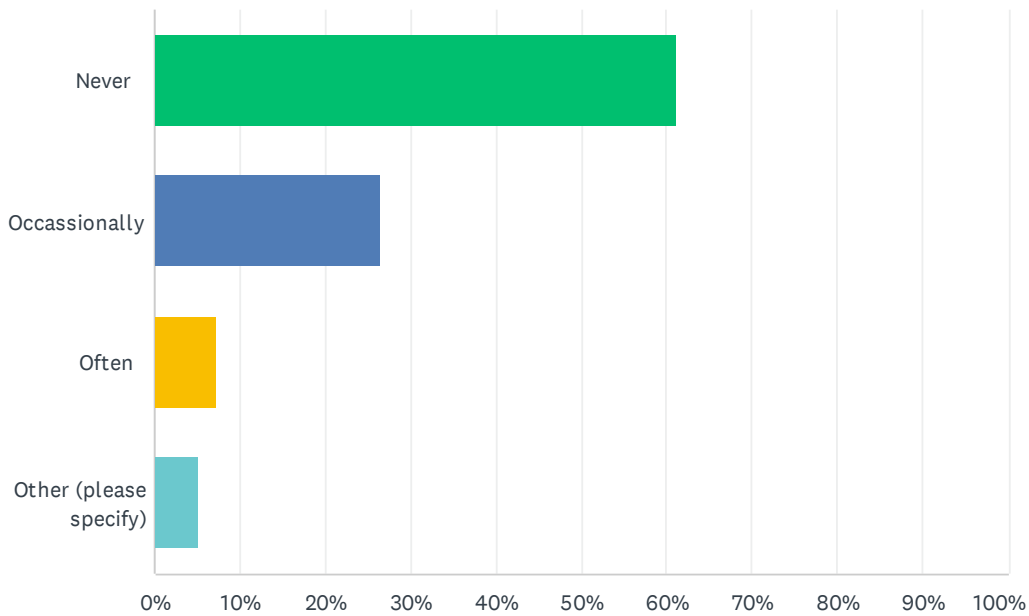
38	Loud car exhaust and loud motorcycles	12/22/2021 11:43 AM
39	highway noise from 495, mass pike, rt 9 are the biggest sources of constant and extremenoise in my opinion.	12/22/2021 10:10 AM
40	Cars and motorcycles racing at night. Daytime is fine.	12/22/2021 9:28 AM
41	495 Traffic. Would Southboro ever consider putting up barrier walls to reduce the echo noise traffic as truck are using J-Brakes and every day traffic on the highway.	12/22/2021 8:40 AM
42	We have cars in our neighborhood with extremely loud exhausts	12/22/2021 8:36 AM
43	Gets noisier in winter when the leaves are off the trees (Pike traffic). We're not even that close to the Pike (nearly in Hopk)	12/22/2021 8:12 AM
44	Commercial sized leaf blowers are extremely bothersome.	12/22/2021 8:05 AM
45	There is a gun club that bothers me, but I think it is Westborough	12/22/2021 8:02 AM
46	Tractor trailer trucks on rural roads	12/22/2021 7:01 AM
47	I mean we live on woodland road, so we expect this.	12/22/2021 6:43 AM
48	Loud mufflers and racing engines on roadways is a nuisance	12/22/2021 6:15 AM
49	Barking dogs left unattended for long periods of time. Very loud lawn mowers that need a new muffler system. Industrial mowers and leaf blowers that are way too loud.	12/21/2021 10:54 PM
50	Night Noise from kens factory on rt 9	12/21/2021 10:04 PM
51	Highway	12/21/2021 9:24 PM
52	Large trucks, at all hours of the day and night. I cannot express how much it feels like they ruin our community	12/21/2021 8:24 PM
53	Route 9 is like a drag strip with such loud engines all night long.	12/21/2021 8:11 PM
54	Landscaping and jackhammering on weekends needs to not happen before 8 or 830 AM	12/21/2021 7:55 PM
55	Delivery vans and trucks are extremely disturbing!	12/21/2021 7:51 PM
56	Specifically, a neighbor with a truck let's it idle in driveway, and revs it for 10-15 mins when starting it I wonder if he has a muffler it is so loud	12/21/2021 7:39 PM
57	While I haven't been bothered by dirt bikes or motorcycles in the past 12 months, due to neighbors moving out or changing behavior, I would have answered "very much" for them in the past.	12/21/2021 7:09 PM
58	The real issues are motorcycles revving and leaf blowers.	12/21/2021 6:37 PM
59	Helicopters	12/21/2021 6:00 PM
60	racing engines of speeding cars& motorcycles, repeated intentional backfiring	12/21/2021 5:43 PM
61	Large trucks speeding down Woodland road using it as a shortcut between 85 & 9	12/21/2021 4:41 PM
62	We have a neighbor who rides a dirt bike around our neighborhood at all hours of the night and sometimes blows a whistle for minutes at a time.	12/21/2021 4:34 PM
63	Tree cutting that goes on for days on end	12/21/2021 3:02 PM
64	Mowers and blowers must be exempt also	12/21/2021 2:51 PM
65	Loud Motorcycles	12/21/2021 2:41 PM
66	Primarily landscape contractors especially on Sunday.	12/21/2021 2:32 PM
67	Mass Pike noise. Would love to see a sound barrier built	12/21/2021 1:46 PM
68	Semi trucks and their use of their brakes	12/21/2021 1:24 PM
69	Idling trailers that park on street hour before construction site opens.	12/21/2021 1:19 PM
70	Motorcycles on route 30!!!	12/21/2021 1:16 PM

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71	fireworks	12/21/2021 1:15 PM
72	drivers using parkerville as drag race strip	12/21/2021 1:02 PM
73	There is a transportation company at the intersection of Rt 30 and Furmin ave that has beeping alarms of trucks at 3 and 4 AM. Extremely disturbing during peak sleep hours.	12/21/2021 12:42 PM
74	neighbors with cars that have illegal exhaust - open pipes, cops don't care.	12/21/2021 12:39 PM
75	Noise from New York Ave, Framingham (Genzyme/Sanofi)	12/21/2021 12:25 PM
76	Noise from 495 and the Pike	12/21/2021 12:08 PM

Q4 How often do noises surrounding your home cause you or a member of your household trouble falling asleep each week? \*Please note that Mass Pike construction is controlled by the State and would be exempt from this bylaw and ask that you exclude it from your consideration.

Answered: 472 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	61.23%	289
Occassionally	26.48%	125
Often	7.20%	34
Other (please specify)	5.08%	24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>472</b>

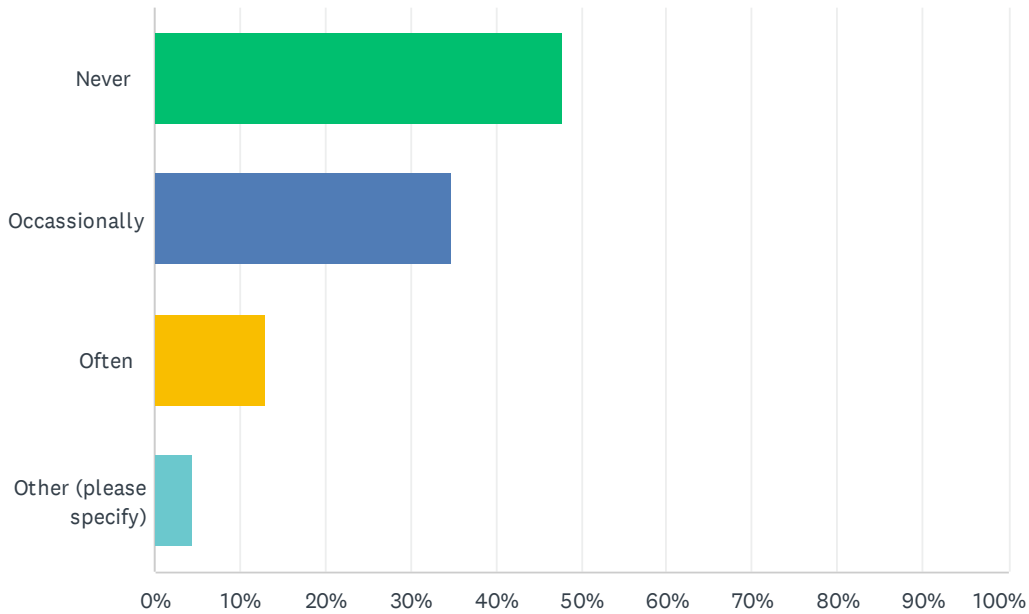
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1	Atv or dirt bike use in neighboring property affected work	1/1/2022 3:19 PM
2	Daily. Specifically due to overnight (24/7) business operations and associated noise	1/1/2022 11:27 AM
3	Every night.	12/31/2021 6:01 PM
4	Trucks on 495 when leaves off trees.	12/30/2021 12:22 PM
5	rarely but it does happen	12/29/2021 2:00 PM
6	Rarely/almost never	12/29/2021 10:11 AM
7	snow dumping and trucking at southboro driving range now has a trash company zoom trash	12/29/2021 4:32 AM
8	I work nights, I have no issues with sleeping during the daylight hours.	12/28/2021 9:29 PM

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9	How do you control Mother Nature?	12/25/2021 11:26 AM
10	Yes, the noise from I -495 IS exempt from a southborough noise bylaw, but it is up to our Selectmen , Town Manager, and Town Counsel to petition our Federal Congressional rep and DOT officials to take action on it- as many other communities have successfully done. . . including the construction of sound barriers	12/24/2021 11:05 PM
11	Noise on the Pike is awful. This is literally the only thing that bothers me. Please INCLUDE IT in your consideration.	12/24/2021 8:14 PM
12	infrequently	12/23/2021 12:45 PM
13	Mass Pike Traffic is awfully loud and getting worse	12/23/2021 9:45 AM
14	neighbor runs commercial grade landscaping equipment for hours and hours every weekend impossible to enjoy our backyard	12/22/2021 12:55 PM
15	Gun shots	12/22/2021 9:33 AM
16	495 traffic. 495 Traffic. Would Southboro ever consider putting up barrier walls to reduce the echo noise traffic as truck are using J-Brakes and every day traffic on the highway.	12/22/2021 8:40 AM
17	1x per year	12/21/2021 10:58 PM
18	Neighbors starting there snow plowing trucks in the middle of the night.	12/21/2021 10:30 PM
19	Neighbors constantly have yard projects that start early early morning	12/21/2021 7:55 PM
20	the traffic noise from 495 is bothersome but i assume that would also be exempt from a town bylaw	12/21/2021 2:28 PM
21	Housing construction vehicles and large trailers	12/21/2021 1:19 PM
22	Pike construction. Can't be avoided. Survey question phrasing is flawed.	12/21/2021 12:34 PM
23	Every night if I didn't use a snooze machine because I live next to the MassPike.	12/21/2021 12:28 PM
24	I wouldn't say it's weekly, it's every few months.	12/21/2021 12:24 PM

Q5 How often do noises surrounding your home cause you or members of your household to be awoken prematurely each week? \*Please note that Mass Pike construction is controlled by the State and would be exempt from this bylaw and ask that you exclude it from your consideration.

Answered: 471 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	47.77%	225
Occassionally	34.82%	164
Often	12.95%	61
Other (please specify)	4.46%	21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>471</b>

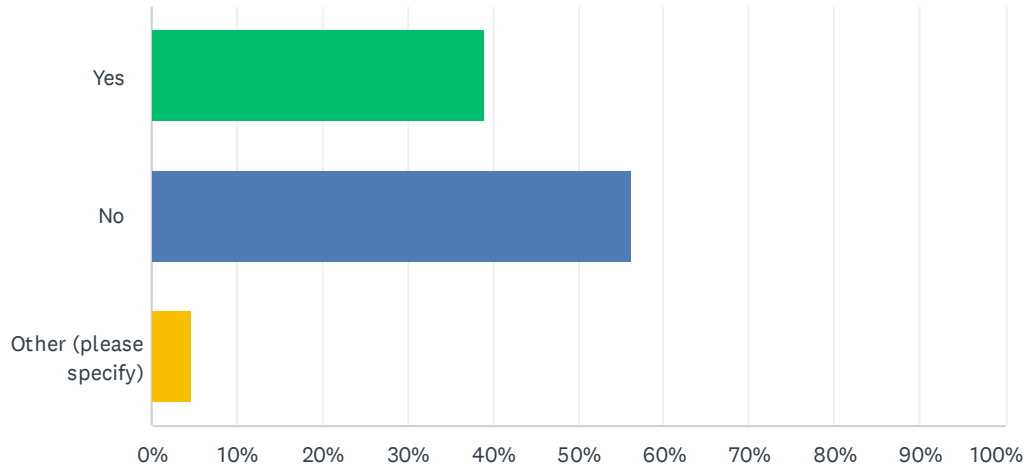
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1	Slightly, less than occassionally	1/3/2022 9:04 AM
2	Daily. Specifically due to overnight (24/7) business operations and associated noise	1/1/2022 11:27 AM
3	Every night.	12/31/2021 6:01 PM
4	church parishioners arriving at 7am car alarms voices.	12/31/2021 9:48 AM
5	Vehicles braking going downhill near us.	12/30/2021 12:22 PM
6	Just traffic noise...no other noise is ever an issue.	12/29/2021 4:26 PM
7	rarely but it does happen	12/29/2021 2:00 PM
8	road noise and trash trucks, train whistles	12/29/2021 6:48 AM

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9	trash trucks coming onto residential zoned property 24/7/365	12/29/2021 4:32 AM
10	See above	12/25/2021 11:26 AM
11	Just dogs barking	12/23/2021 1:07 PM
12	infrequently	12/23/2021 12:45 PM
13	On occasion on ParkerVile we'll have a drag racer	12/22/2021 8:54 AM
14	495 Traffic. Would Southboro ever consider putting up barrier walls to reduce the echo noise traffic as truck are using J-Brakes and every day traffic on the highway.	12/22/2021 8:40 AM
15	Occasional train	12/22/2021 7:01 AM
16	Tree cutting should start after 7:30 am	12/22/2021 12:41 AM
17	1x per year	12/21/2021 10:58 PM
18	Construction trucks passing through town.	12/21/2021 10:30 PM
19	We live near the train (downtown). Occasionally it comes in the middle of the night. When it blows the horn to cross main st it wakes us up.	12/21/2021 3:48 PM
20	Pike construction. Can't be avoided. Survey question phrasing is flawed.	12/21/2021 12:34 PM
21	Neighbors dogs out too early for me.	12/21/2021 12:28 PM

## Q6 Should separate work hours be defined for homeowners and paid contractors?

Answered: 473 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.11%	185
No	56.24%	266
Other (please specify)	4.65%	22
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>473</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	No. Southborough should follow MAHB Noise By-law for every resident and business. No overnight noise defined as 6pm to 7am the next morning, no weekends, no holidays.	12/31/2021 6:01 PM
2	Absolutely NOT	12/29/2021 9:10 PM
3	Homeowners should have longer hours into the evening because many of them have to go out to work during the normal business hours and cant do their chores during those hours.	12/29/2021 4:26 PM
4	work hours should be established	12/29/2021 3:31 PM
5	i don't understand the question enough. how would that work	12/29/2021 2:09 PM
6	Homeowners should be able to do household work on Sundays, if that's when they're free e	12/29/2021 6:58 AM
7	no leaf blowing/ lawn mowing before 8am for anyone	12/29/2021 6:48 AM
8	This is borderline HOA level restrictions and I'm not in favor of this whatsoever.	12/28/2021 10:36 PM
9	Home owners should be able to work when they want as they have to fit their home projects in around their work schedules	12/27/2021 11:00 PM
10	Maybe - depends on what the hours were	12/26/2021 9:21 PM
11	No hours for each	12/23/2021 1:07 PM
12	Question isn't clear	12/23/2021 8:31 AM
13	It really depends, if I need to snowblow my driveway to go to work, it will be early in the	12/22/2021 6:10 PM

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	morning, but leaf blowing later	
14	Most towns already do	12/22/2021 8:54 AM
15	Not sure	12/22/2021 8:19 AM
16	Yes, homeowners are weekend warriors...when else would an industrious person work on their own home?	12/22/2021 8:12 AM
17	We don't need more rules!	12/21/2021 9:37 PM
18	By far the biggest offenders are landscapers with leaf blowers	12/21/2021 8:02 PM
19	Should be no limit for snow removal activities	12/21/2021 4:39 PM
20	Maybe leaning yes.	12/21/2021 4:06 PM
21	I am sorry but the Mass pike work which moved over to Finn School area affected us all horribly. I do not think I have had a solid nights sleep since they started and it got so bad we thought about moving completely. Any and all contractor noises that will disturb sleep must be accounted for even if from the state. Absolutely no noise reduction methods were used and that was not only disrespectful but unbelievably unhealthy.	12/21/2021 3:00 PM
22	We should not be limiting opportunities for people to make a living.	12/21/2021 12:34 PM

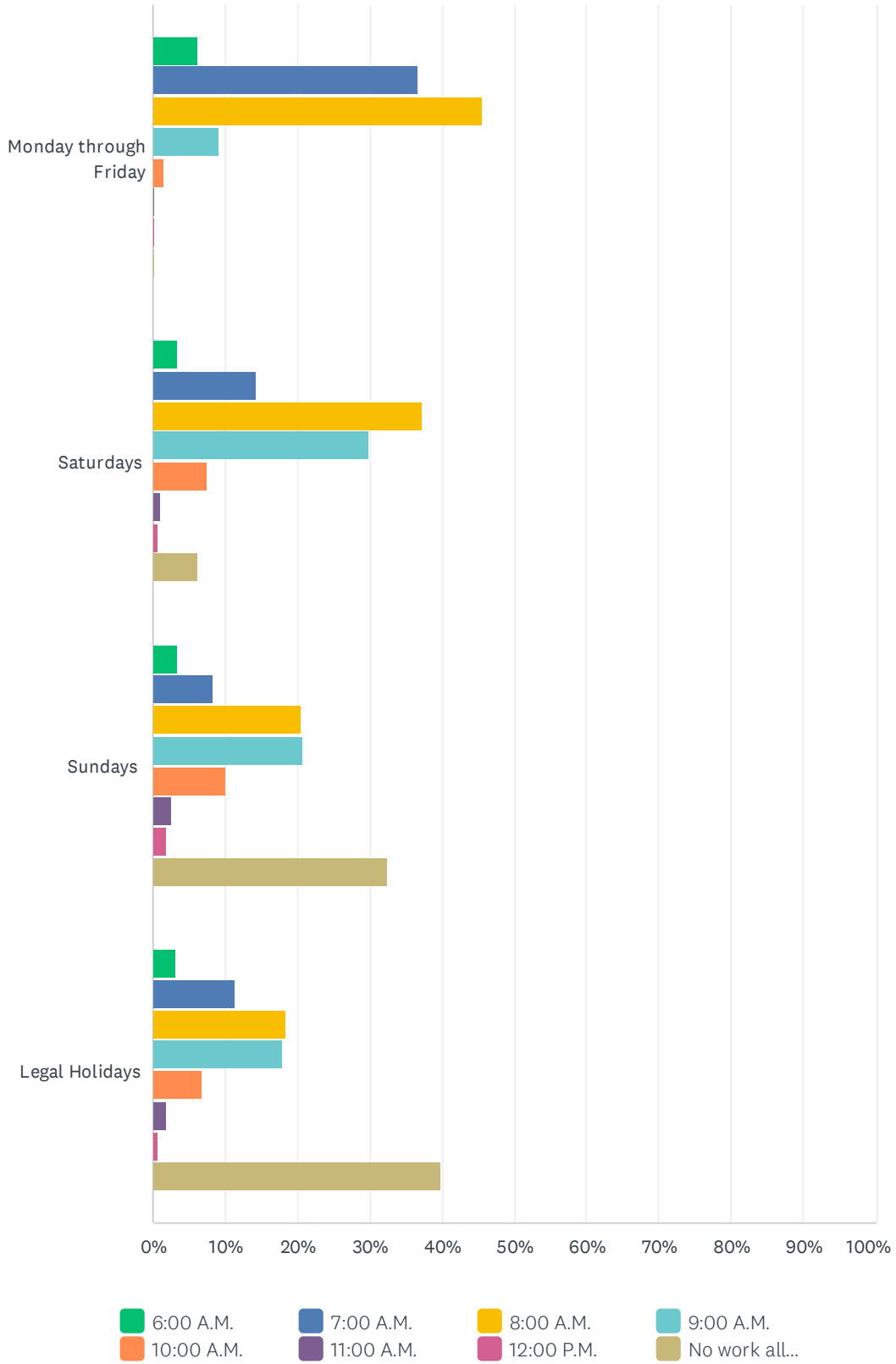


Q7 If there were to be separate hours for paid contractors, please select a start and end time for PAID CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES during the weekdays, weekends and holidays. (Contractors would include construction and related deliveries and landscaping/tree removal)\*If your choice is "no work" please choose this for both start and end time.

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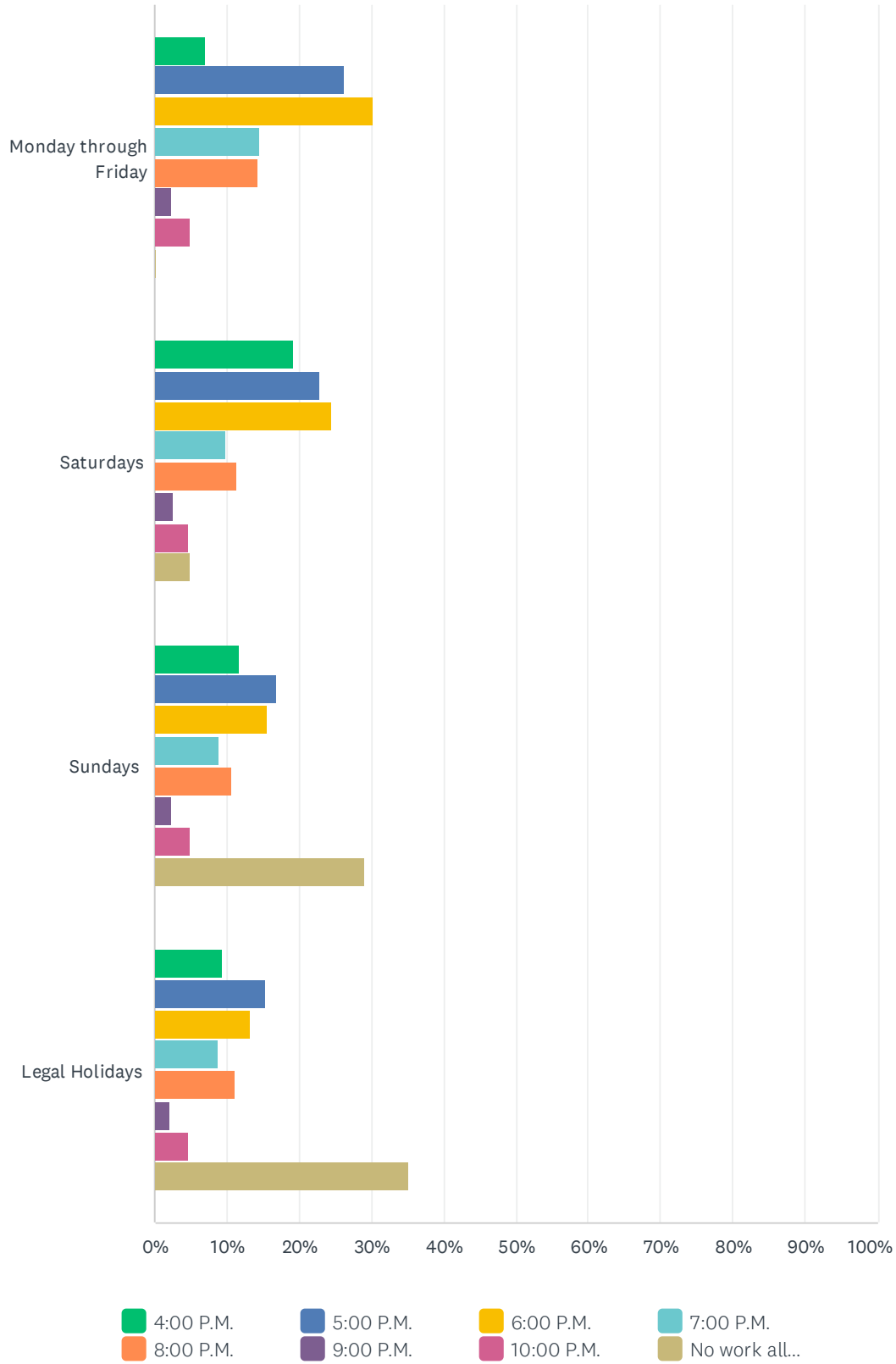
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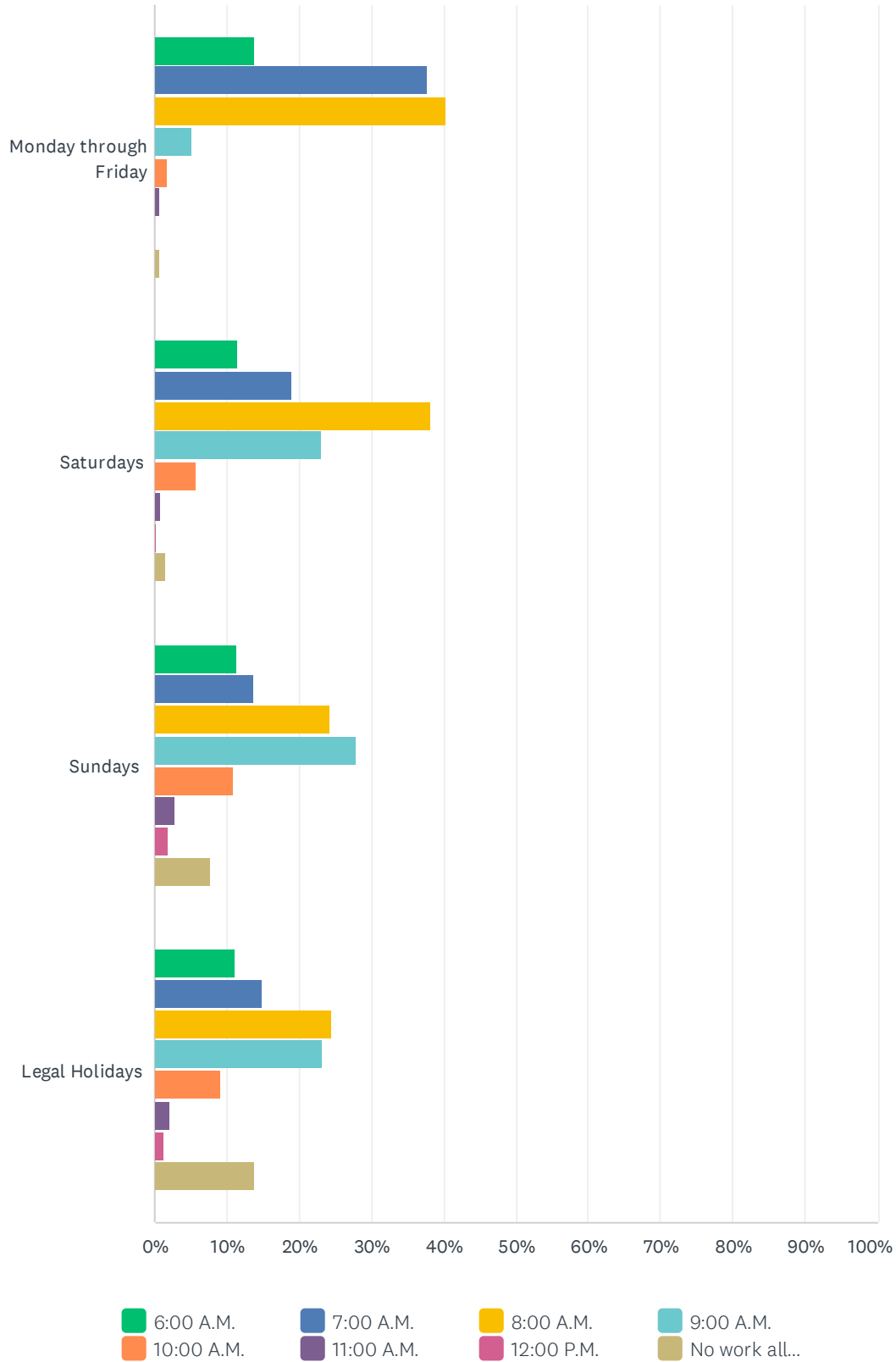
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	6:00 A.M.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	NO WORK ALLOWED	TOTAL
Monday through Friday	6.13% 22	36.77% 132	45.68% 164	9.19% 33	1.39% 5	0.28% 1	0.28% 1	0.28% 1	359
Saturdays	3.34% 12	14.21% 51	37.33% 134	29.81% 107	7.52% 27	1.11% 4	0.56% 2	6.13% 22	359
Sundays	3.36% 12	8.40% 30	20.45% 73	20.73% 74	10.08% 36	2.52% 9	1.96% 7	32.49% 116	357
Legal Holidays	3.13% 11	11.40% 40	18.23% 64	17.95% 63	6.84% 24	1.99% 7	0.57% 2	39.89% 140	351
Select an end time:									
	4:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	6:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.	8:00 P.M.	9:00 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	NO WORK ALLOWED	TOTAL
Monday through Friday	7.14% 25	26.29% 92	30.29% 106	14.57% 51	14.29% 50	2.29% 8	4.86% 17	0.29% 1	350
Saturdays	19.24% 66	22.74% 78	24.49% 84	9.91% 34	11.37% 39	2.62% 9	4.66% 16	4.96% 17	343
Sundays	11.62% 38	16.82% 55	15.60% 51	8.87% 29	10.70% 35	2.45% 8	4.89% 16	29.05% 95	327
Legal Holidays	9.43% 30	15.41% 49	13.21% 42	8.81% 28	11.01% 35	2.20% 7	4.72% 15	35.22% 112	318

Q8 If there were to be separate hours for homeowners, please select a start and end time for HOMEOWNERS who work on their residence during the weekdays, weekends and holidays.\*If your choice is "no work" please choose this for both start and end time.

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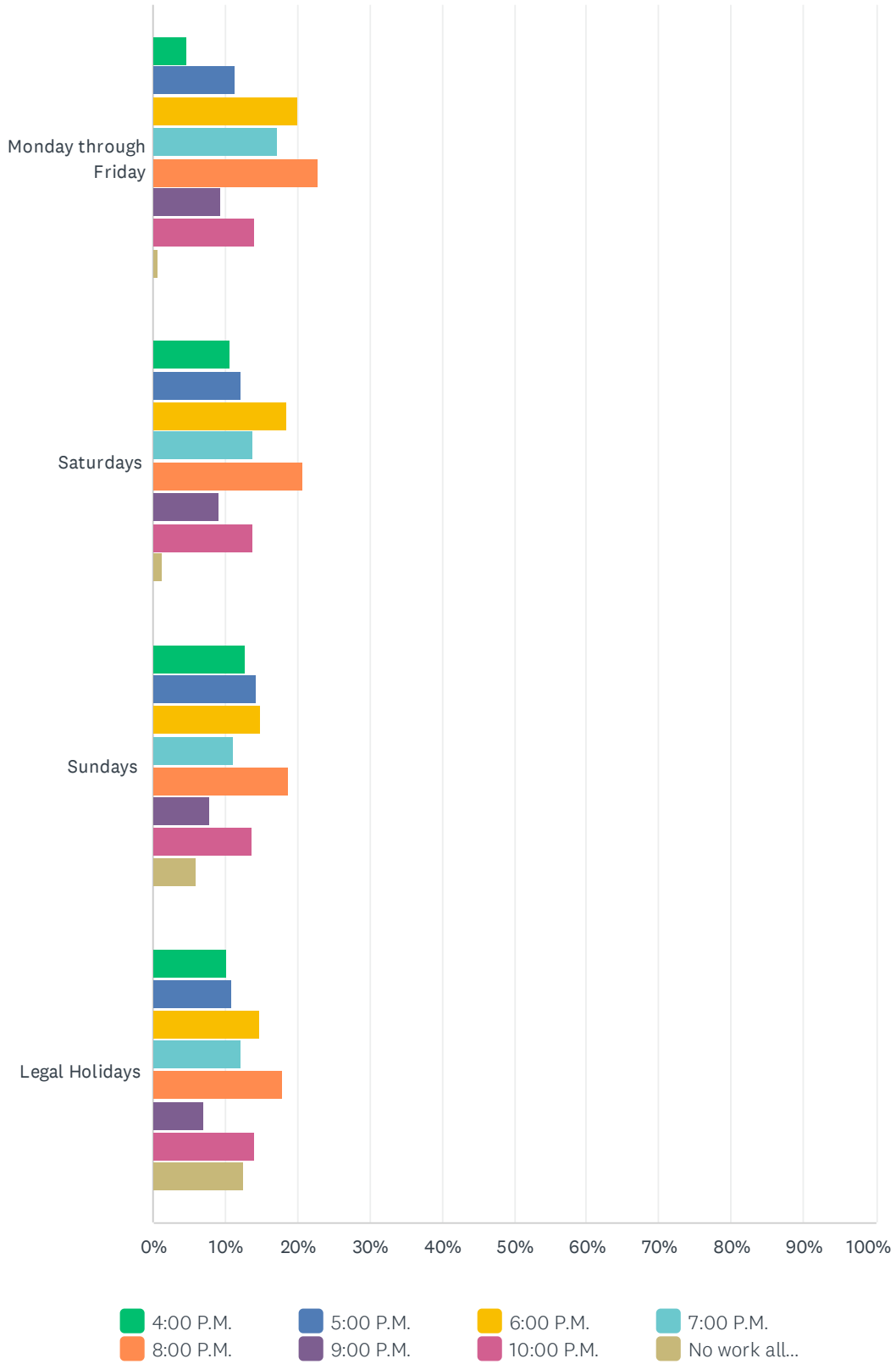
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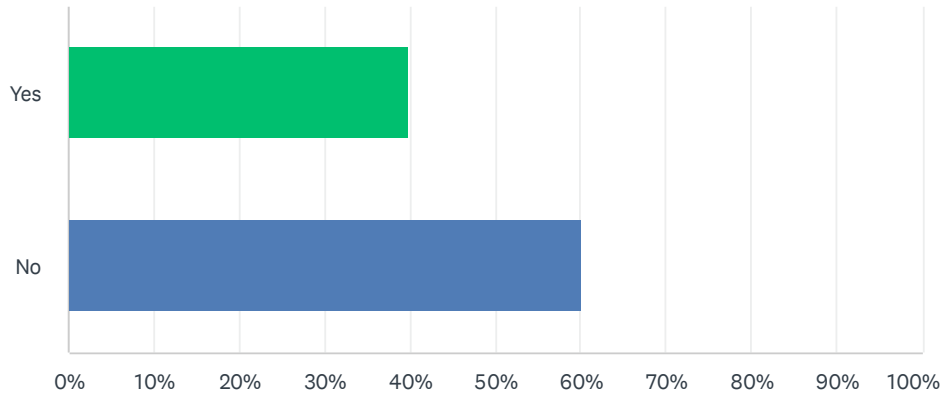
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	6:00 A.M.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	NO WORK ALLOWED	TOTAL
Monday through Friday	13.86% 46	37.65% 125	40.36% 134	5.12% 17	1.81% 6	0.60% 2	0.00% 0	0.60% 2	332
Saturdays	11.48% 38	19.03% 63	38.07% 126	22.96% 76	5.74% 19	0.91% 3	0.30% 1	1.51% 5	331
Sundays	11.21% 37	13.64% 45	24.24% 80	27.88% 92	10.91% 36	2.73% 9	1.82% 6	7.58% 25	330
Legal Holidays	11.01% 36	14.98% 49	24.46% 80	23.24% 76	9.17% 30	2.14% 7	1.22% 4	13.76% 45	327
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	4:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	6:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.	8:00 P.M.	9:00 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	NO WORK ALLOWED	TOTAL
Monday through Friday	4.69% 15	11.25% 36	20.00% 64	17.19% 55	22.81% 73	9.38% 30	14.06% 45	0.63% 2	320
Saturdays	10.66% 34	12.23% 39	18.50% 59	13.79% 44	20.69% 66	9.09% 29	13.79% 44	1.25% 4	319
Sundays	12.78% 40	14.38% 45	15.02% 47	11.18% 35	18.85% 59	7.99% 25	13.74% 43	6.07% 19	313
Legal Holidays	10.29% 32	10.93% 34	14.79% 46	12.22% 38	18.01% 56	7.07% 22	14.15% 44	12.54% 39	311



## Q9 Should the day and time limits you selected above be the only factors the noise bylaw uses for constraints?

Answered: 401 Skipped: 72



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	39.90% 160
No	60.10% 241
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>401</b>

#	COMMENT	DATE
1	exceptions should be made for weather and other unforeseen events	1/3/2022 9:04 AM
2	Size/ sound of equipment	1/2/2022 2:57 PM
3	types of noises should be restricted differently. Loud motorcycles and muscle cars should be banned (as they are purely recreational), while home maintenance should be permitted	1/2/2022 2:05 PM
4	should include exemptions for level as well as environmental factors; tree down, snow removal, leaf cleanup.	1/2/2022 11:11 AM
5	Increase penalty for repeat offenders (1st notice is a verbal warning, 2nd complaint is formal written warning, 3rd notice is a fine, 4th notice is a large fine).	1/2/2022 10:16 AM
6	Duration of noise should be a factor (e.g. long-term continuous noise). Also no noise during overnight hours to ensure that people can sleep!	1/1/2022 11:27 AM
7	no for paid contractors; yes for homeowners	12/31/2021 10:44 PM
8	Length of noise should also be a factor. Repeat violators should have reduced privileges and be fined.	12/31/2021 6:01 PM
9	Emergency work should be exempt, tree down, tow trucks, snow blowers	12/30/2021 11:38 PM
10	Jack breaking	12/30/2021 2:19 PM
11	Depends on the noise level.	12/30/2021 12:22 PM
12	Separate rules for homeowners and businesses makes no sense. IT punishes small businesses without fixing the problem (if there is a problem)	12/30/2021 12:16 PM
13	Duration of work especially involving leaf blowers should be a consideration	12/30/2021 9:47 AM

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14	what causes the noise should be considered	12/29/2021 10:12 PM
15	There should not be any noise bylaws	12/29/2021 9:10 PM
16	Exceptions for snow removal	12/29/2021 8:33 PM
17	A house next to me, owned by NECC and housing its grad students, had twice weekly house parties during all of COVID lockdown, sometimes with music going until 12:30+ a.m. NECC refused to intervene and SB PD said they were within their rights. Probably more important to control that rather than the occasional leaf blower.	12/29/2021 3:30 PM
18	Individual homeowners should have some leeway depending on the type of noise or project.	12/29/2021 2:09 PM
19	There should be grace periods if there are snow storms and people need to use snowblowers for driveways.	12/29/2021 2:00 PM
20	Limit gas powered devices. Limit decibels	12/29/2021 1:58 PM
21	Population density might be a consideration around boarding schools, high density housing, etc.	12/29/2021 11:11 AM
22	Exceptions for snow removal	12/29/2021 10:08 AM
23	all gasoline-powered landscaping equipment should be banned in favor of electric	12/29/2021 6:07 AM
24	Difficult to answer as I am not a person who thinks every little thing needs legislation... I would much rather educate people from early on to have consideration of others	12/28/2021 10:52 PM
25	Depends on the volume of the noise	12/28/2021 4:05 PM
26	End times could be defined as "sunset" for homeowners.	12/28/2021 3:19 PM
27	Just set time limits and be done with it.	12/28/2021 1:29 PM
28	Quieter activities like garden maintenance by hand could happen earlier and later	12/28/2021 11:13 AM
29	Intensity and volume of sound and severity of machinery should be considered	12/28/2021 10:46 AM
30	Consider duration of noise	12/27/2021 3:09 PM
31	It should depend on type of work and also if someone has an emergency or no other time they can work , they should be exempt from restrictions.	12/27/2021 1:41 PM
32	Who will enforce the bylaw? Need to reach out at anytime.	12/27/2021 10:13 AM
33	The predetermined times to select from are unfair and are a set up. People, homeowners or contractors, should not be restricted by the government from working outdoors at any time during daylight hours. If a neighbor has a concern, then have a dialogue with the neighbor whose activity (owner or their contractor) is the cause for concern.	12/27/2021 9:38 AM
34	Should also include type of noise, volume of noise, and frequency of noise,	12/26/2021 9:04 PM
35	See below, also I believe that homeowners should meet the work hours I set for contractors	12/25/2021 11:26 AM
36	measurement wont be enforceable with too many variables	12/23/2021 2:02 PM
37	Maybe limit the # of hours allowed in a day or week - to give neighbors a break	12/23/2021 12:45 PM
38	Decibel level should be used to determine hours allowed.	12/23/2021 10:11 AM
39	There should be nothing that has to do with decibel levels.	12/22/2021 10:29 PM
40	It depends what it is for	12/22/2021 6:10 PM
41	not sure what is meant	12/22/2021 2:22 PM
42	Extreme noise (above normal landscaping activity) should be prohibited during all times—many people have started working from home	12/22/2021 2:13 PM
43	Decibels for leaf blowers, stereo systems, etc. should be set	12/22/2021 10:10 AM
44	No there should be exceptions for emergencies	12/22/2021 9:18 AM
45	Volume	12/22/2021 9:12 AM

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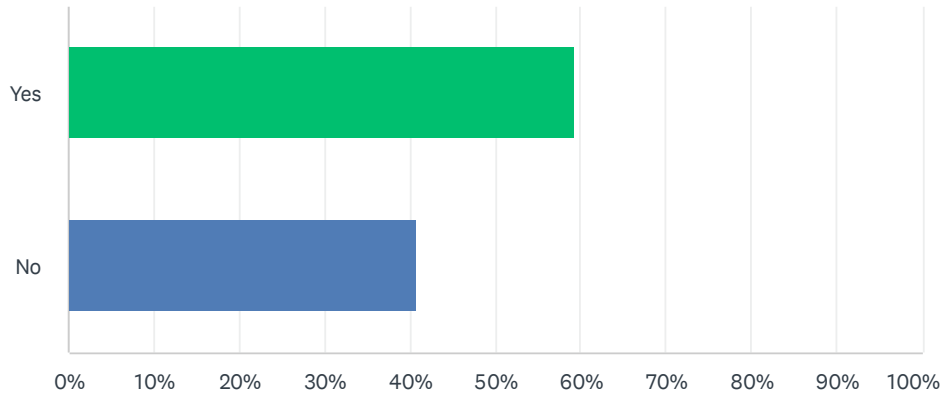
46	emergency repairs should be ok to do as needed with permission.	12/22/2021 8:47 AM
47	I don't believe there should be any limits.	12/22/2021 8:39 AM
48	I am not in support of this bylaw. I think it could create more problems than it solves.	12/22/2021 8:02 AM
49	No, I think that very heavy or large construction equipment that exceed a certain decibel should be required to be registered on an accessible town website that would post the use of the machinery. I don't think there would be an obligation to let neighbors know but we as a Town should communicate that a website is available to check.	12/22/2021 7:53 AM
50	Loud noises should be evaluated for health reasons anytime of day	12/22/2021 6:45 AM
51	DECIBELS OF THE NOISE ARE IMPORTANT	12/22/2021 6:15 AM
52	Loud music	12/21/2021 10:26 PM
53	There has to be a measurement of volume/decibels	12/21/2021 10:16 PM
54	Consider duration.	12/21/2021 8:39 PM
55	Decibel limits	12/21/2021 8:39 PM
56	I'd like to see restrictions for night time trucks. Also not all work is noisy	12/21/2021 8:24 PM
57	Volume of mufflers and cars at nearby businesses	12/21/2021 8:10 PM
58	There should be a provision for noise volume.	12/21/2021 8:03 PM
59	The most noise comes from gas leaf blowers and nail guns	12/21/2021 8:02 PM
60	This is so unnecessary and a terrible use of the town's time. We don't need more rules and regulations.	12/21/2021 7:57 PM
61	I don't want kids being told not to play outside because of this	12/21/2021 7:55 PM
62	The type of work should also be considered	12/21/2021 7:51 PM
63	It would have been helpful to include a link to the bylaw. Hard to understand how to answer without knowing the details	12/21/2021 7:27 PM
64	I can barely hear work from home calls some days.	12/21/2021 7:22 PM
65	summer hours should be able to start earlier and end later to work while it is cooler	12/21/2021 6:56 PM
66	The degree of noise. I believe Wellesley has outlawed gas-powered leaf blowers in favor of electric.	12/21/2021 6:37 PM
67	If there was an emergency for instance tree falls on house.	12/21/2021 5:09 PM
68	Decibels	12/21/2021 4:45 PM
69	This is not a concern	12/21/2021 4:09 PM
70	also the noise level. A lot of the construction equipment is super loud, especially for people working from home. Home owners should ask for neighbours permission before starting major construction.	12/21/2021 3:57 PM
71	The duration of the project should be a consideration regardless of the hours every day	12/21/2021 3:02 PM
72	I think there are emergencies that must be dealt with as needed of course. People often have small windows of time to do yard work or home improvements. However, it would be nice to not hear loud lawn equipment before 8. I give roofers and the like a pass as it could become too dangerous for them to toil in the afternoon sun.	12/21/2021 3:00 PM
73	Any time noise is beyond comfortable threshold	12/21/2021 2:54 PM
74	I did not check starting and ending times, because it doesn't apply to a rational thinking society	12/21/2021 2:51 PM
75	Allowable decibel limits.	12/21/2021 2:32 PM
76	residential neighborhood restrictions in place	12/21/2021 2:11 PM

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77	Storm cleanup allowed any time. Consent of neighbors to exceptions.	12/21/2021 2:05 PM
78	Should have no limitations	12/21/2021 1:32 PM
79	How regular the occurrence is	12/21/2021 1:31 PM
80	intensity and level of noise should be taken into account	12/21/2021 1:28 PM
81	volume level should be taken into consideration, as well as length and frequency of the noise	12/21/2021 1:20 PM
82	No trailers can park on street idling waiting for construction time to start.	12/21/2021 1:19 PM
83	I do not believe there should be any constraints on homeowners or paid contractors.	12/21/2021 1:07 PM
84	Noise levels should be considered	12/21/2021 12:42 PM
85	is a car or motorcycle exhaust is illegal then that is a factor	12/21/2021 12:39 PM
86	N/A	12/21/2021 12:12 PM

## Q10 Should a bylaw include restrictions to the intensity, level or volume of a noise source?

Answered: 473 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	59.20% 280
No	40.80% 193
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>473</b>

#	COMMENT	DATE
1	Loudness of sound is based on a person's perception	1/3/2022 9:04 AM
2	only for paid contractors	12/31/2021 10:44 PM
3	Duration of noise should also be a factor. Long term noise over hours is extremely detrimental.	12/31/2021 6:01 PM
4	Not for homeowners during those times	12/30/2021 9:48 PM
5	Rampant fireworks other than July 4th	12/30/2021 2:12 PM
6	Concerned this would be subjective and used punitively and inconsistently.	12/30/2021 12:16 PM
7	No bylaws are necessary	12/29/2021 9:10 PM
8	Intensity, time allowed for and VOLUME is a big one.	12/29/2021 9:07 PM
9	There is no need for a noise bylaw	12/29/2021 5:54 PM
10	Special consideration should be given to noise that never stops such as a barking dog vs temporary construction or yard work	12/29/2021 2:32 PM
11	But it cannot be at the source, it must be at the complainants location, indoors with the windows facing the noise source closed. It's unfair to measure at a property boundary at 10PM if the complainant wants quiet inside their house	12/29/2021 1:05 PM
12	Frequency should be considered too. Deep booming noises from pile drivers to high frequency noise from saws can be even more annoying than the mid-frequency noise of engines.	12/29/2021 11:11 AM
13	What is the measurement and who is responsible?	12/28/2021 9:29 PM
14	Not sure how many decibels is acceptable but I think a bylaw that said any noise above a certain decibel level is not allowed during certain hours if there is a complaint	12/28/2021 4:05 PM

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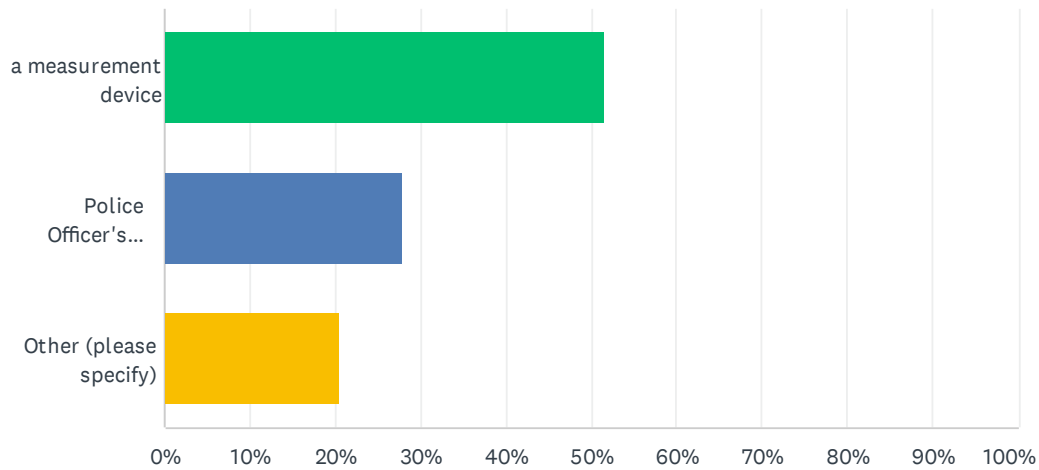
15	Commercial power equipment is a particular concern (blowers, mowers, grinders, etc.)	12/28/2021 3:19 PM
16	Maybe, but it should be reasonable such as above 100 decibels for more than 5 minutes	12/28/2021 11:21 AM
17	No. That would require government intrusion. There are more important things for the town's government to focus on.	12/27/2021 9:38 AM
18	One loud sound every 2 hours is much different than a continuous drone for 2 hours	12/26/2021 9:04 PM
19	Maybe see the noise standards the mass pike used for their construction, I'm not so sure that they met their own standards but it's a starting point	12/25/2021 11:26 AM
20	At the end of the day everyone needs there lawn cut. Don't limit the sound	12/24/2021 11:41 AM
21	Emergencies would be exempt	12/24/2021 9:30 AM
22	it will never be enforceable just like the light bylaw- all fluff and no real teeth	12/23/2021 2:02 PM
23	Motorcycles and Cars with noisy mufflers or just noisy	12/23/2021 8:53 AM
24	Very difficult to enforce	12/23/2021 8:31 AM
25	Airplane and helicopter noise way too much. I can feel the house shakes when helicopter fly overhead	12/22/2021 8:34 PM
26	But it depends	12/22/2021 6:10 PM
27	Can't say without more info	12/22/2021 3:26 PM
28	We are not Brookline	12/22/2021 2:27 PM
29	Intensity may be subjective	12/22/2021 1:44 PM
30	Nighttime noise should have lower intensity thresholds.	12/22/2021 1:42 PM
31	No during the allowed hours any noise level should be permissable	12/22/2021 9:18 AM
32	NA	12/22/2021 8:54 AM
33	It's the constant sunup to sundown leaf blowing on beautiful days. They are wearing ear protection but my kids and I shouldn't have to on our own property.	12/22/2021 8:19 AM
34	Too hard to measure and not enforceable	12/22/2021 8:05 AM
35	See comment above	12/22/2021 8:02 AM
36	Please see above- The challenge is measurement of the noise- who does it and how might it be enforced- this was a key issue associated with the Lighting bylaw..Enforcement is the issue	12/22/2021 7:53 AM
37	DECIBELS OF THE NOISE ARE IMPORTANT	12/22/2021 6:15 AM
38	If neighbor is sick and needs to rest during, other neighbor should advise ahead of time. Crying babies don,t count.	12/22/2021 12:41 AM
39	Within reason and with built in one time or exceptions, it is a free country, we live in an urban area and all of this needs to be factored into the equation. It is not a one size fits all.	12/21/2021 10:54 PM
40	8 hours of chainsawing every weekend the entire summer is not ok.	12/21/2021 10:16 PM
41	Volume	12/21/2021 8:07 PM
42	I don't want kids being told not to play outside because of this	12/21/2021 7:55 PM
43	This will only create more issues than is worth pursuing. You do not want people measuring sound on their own and reporting violators. That is a waste of our town resources.	12/21/2021 7:23 PM
44	I shouldn't be hearing industrial machinery working 5 lots (each over an acre) away.	12/21/2021 7:21 PM
45	gasoline powered leaf blowers should be banned	12/21/2021 6:56 PM
46	chronic dog barking	12/21/2021 5:43 PM
47	Within reason	12/21/2021 4:09 PM

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48	Duration	12/21/2021 4:06 PM
49	definitely need to be monitored. We've had so much noise with constructions and professional landscapers.	12/21/2021 3:57 PM
50	Some electric tools now have decibel ratings on the tool	12/21/2021 2:54 PM
51	Why not control noise levels in our homes as well.	12/21/2021 2:51 PM
52	No noise meters. Code enforcement by common sense	12/21/2021 2:41 PM
53	answer is above.	12/21/2021 2:32 PM
54	I just wish people wouldn't run leaf blowers for hours on end seemingly daily	12/21/2021 2:28 PM
55	Yes to all. Also duration	12/21/2021 2:05 PM
56	extremely hard to measure, think reasonableness is key - length and frequency of noise should be taken into account	12/21/2021 1:20 PM
57	I would look to other towns to see what standards are.	12/21/2021 1:19 PM
58	This would be unenforceable/costly to the Town to enforce.	12/21/2021 1:07 PM
59	Generators should be excluded from the bylaw. What use is a generator if I can't run it when I need to run it when the power is out.	12/21/2021 12:42 PM
60	follow state guidelines on decibel levels of vehicles	12/21/2021 12:39 PM
61	Builders should not actively endeavor to harass homeowners if that's the intent of the question.	12/21/2021 12:34 PM

## Q11 Should noise levels be measured by:

Answered: 419 Skipped: 54



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
a measurement device	51.55% 216
Police Officer's discretion	27.92% 117
Other (please specify)	20.53% 86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>419</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not sure what else	1/2/2022 2:57 PM
2	device and discretion (warning). Location also needs to be specified. is it at the offender's property line, neighbor's property line. Also sound level weighting, dBA is common	1/2/2022 11:11 AM
3	All of the above - incessant dog barking has hurt my business (i'm working from home), my mental and physical health, and my real estate value. I can't walk into my backyard without enduring non-stop barking. Enough already!	1/2/2022 10:16 AM
4	officer discretion as primary factor; then a measurement device if that doesn't resolve the issue	12/31/2021 10:44 PM
5	Police Officers discretion in addition to whether the neighbor is aggrieved. If industrial noise is heard in an abutting residential neighborhood they must do sound monitoring to ensure quiet night time hours. No 24/7 operations should be granted to any establishment doing business in Southborough.	12/31/2021 6:01 PM
6	both/either	12/31/2021 11:01 AM
7	Police officer using a measurement device	12/30/2021 9:47 AM
8	Absolutely NO measurements	12/29/2021 9:10 PM
9	Both	12/29/2021 6:33 PM
10	They should not be measured	12/29/2021 4:26 PM
11	No measurement	12/29/2021 3:42 PM



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12	not measured	12/29/2021 3:31 PM
13	Consider revoking the dog license and remove the animal from the premises if 2 or more credible complaints are made in any given quarter	12/29/2021 2:32 PM
14	Both or either depending on availability	12/29/2021 2:09 PM
15	Measurement device set on slow response	12/29/2021 1:05 PM
16	Professional noise meters are one possibility. Another is the NIOSH app on iPhones. This would also enable a group of neighbors to record noise levels at the same time from a noisy construction site, a landscaper in their neighborhood, etc. <a href="https://www.enoisecontrol.com/how-to-measure-sound-with-smartphone-app/">https://www.enoisecontrol.com/how-to-measure-sound-with-smartphone-app/</a>	12/29/2021 11:11 AM
17	We don't need a bylaw	12/29/2021 7:23 AM
18	It is difficult to do that	12/29/2021 7:09 AM
19	This is the dumbest thing I've ever been a part of	12/28/2021 9:50 PM
20	Police officers are busy enough, who will be responsible?	12/28/2021 9:29 PM
21	Standard Osha regulation	12/28/2021 9:05 PM
22	Db measured...many smart phones can get this as an app I believe	12/28/2021 9:05 PM
23	Discretion of resident complaining	12/28/2021 8:46 PM
24	Don't measure	12/28/2021 1:29 PM
25	This town doesn't need a noise ordinance. There are so many other issues that should be focused on Over this.	12/28/2021 11:11 AM
26	Required by all businesses and homeowners	12/28/2021 10:46 AM
27	Very difficult to measure and enforce	12/27/2021 1:41 PM
28	Both	12/27/2021 10:13 AM
29	both- to reduce enforcer bias	12/27/2021 9:51 AM
30	It should require a forum of no less than 5 neighbors to make a determination at a very local level of the neighborhood.	12/27/2021 9:38 AM
31	should not measured, just hour limitations	12/27/2021 12:28 AM
32	N/A	12/26/2021 9:21 PM
33	None	12/25/2021 10:14 PM
34	Nothing, only set hours of work. Everyone needs a job done. Some machines are louder than others	12/24/2021 11:41 AM
35	Nothing	12/24/2021 10:29 AM
36	Do not make police the enforcing agent on noise. BOH or zoning enforcement officer should be the enforcing agent!!!	12/23/2021 1:07 PM
37	A measurement device used by a police officer. Also, residents can use a phone app in addition to the police officer using a measurement device.	12/23/2021 10:11 AM
38	If used - a measurement device should be used	12/23/2021 8:31 AM
39	None. Just Work Hours	12/22/2021 6:39 PM
40	It depends. People need to be respectful of each other and that's what is a problem	12/22/2021 6:10 PM
41	Neither- this is stupid	12/22/2021 2:27 PM
42	I don;t think they need to be measured	12/22/2021 2:22 PM
43	Police should be equipped with sound meters and trained on how to use them, but should be able to use their discretion for obviously loud disturbances (e.g. Jakes, straight pipes on cars/motorcycles) where it may be impractical to use a meter.	12/22/2021 1:42 PM

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44	Not measured	12/22/2021 12:54 PM
45	I live next to people who continuously play loud music in the summer which makes it very difficult for me to enjoy my outdoor space as we are very close with our properties. I think if they are being loud and disruptive all day I should be able to call the police and complain and not have to wait until 10 pm it's become a problem	12/22/2021 9:04 AM
46	Type of work. No discretion	12/22/2021 8:05 AM
47	See comment above	12/22/2021 8:02 AM
48	I think that needs to be vetted- Maybe it is a policeman's discretion- are there other towns that have enacted "subjective" measurements- how effective can that be?	12/22/2021 7:53 AM
49	combination of both, may need to measure intensity for health and safety	12/22/2021 7:05 AM
50	None	12/22/2021 7:01 AM
51	Option of both if noise is not terminated by officer discretion	12/22/2021 6:45 AM
52	all available	12/22/2021 6:40 AM
53	Should not be measured	12/22/2021 5:10 AM
54	Both, depends on situation and frequency	12/21/2021 10:54 PM
55	Both. Give the Officer a usable device and discretion	12/21/2021 10:16 PM
56	Device that's calibrated each year or per the manufacturer's recommendation	12/21/2021 9:37 PM
57	Not enforced!	12/21/2021 9:30 PM
58	None	12/21/2021 9:00 PM
59	N/A	12/21/2021 8:37 PM
60	Db level. Happens at every race track used by amateurs now and easy to measure	12/21/2021 8:02 PM
61	I don't want kids being told not to play outside because of this	12/21/2021 7:55 PM
62	Unsure	12/21/2021 7:39 PM
63	Ugh this is crazy.	12/21/2021 7:27 PM
64	Both	12/21/2021 7:27 PM
65	None. Do not specify, you are asking for trouble.	12/21/2021 7:23 PM
66	Should not be measured whatsoever.	12/21/2021 7:12 PM
67	No. This is ridiculous.	12/21/2021 6:59 PM
68	If it's just hours, not sure level needs to be measured	12/21/2021 4:39 PM
69	Common sense	12/21/2021 4:09 PM
70	Not at all	12/21/2021 3:51 PM
71	Common sense	12/21/2021 3:48 PM
72	Phone Apps	12/21/2021 3:02 PM
73	Type of machinery	12/21/2021 2:57 PM
74	Commonsense should govern noise, not dictators.	12/21/2021 2:51 PM
75	N/A	12/21/2021 2:22 PM
76	Not measured	12/21/2021 2:08 PM
77	No private citizen or body should be responsible for or be present on a business' or homeowners land to measure noise levels.	12/21/2021 2:06 PM
78	Measured limits essential for fair enforcement (especially if it gets to fines), but discretion at lower thresholds should be provided.	12/21/2021 2:05 PM

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79	Other	12/21/2021 1:39 PM
80	None	12/21/2021 1:32 PM
81	None	12/21/2021 1:14 PM
82	None of the above.	12/21/2021 1:07 PM
83	Multiple measures	12/21/2021 12:38 PM
84	No	12/21/2021 12:28 PM
85	Not at all	12/21/2021 12:12 PM
86	None	12/21/2021 12:10 PM

**Q12** The following exemptions to a bylaw are under consideration. Please add any more items you would like to be considered to the following list: All snow removal activities Emergency storm cleanup Emergency vehicles Generators during a power outage Occasional permitted outdoor events and parades

Answered: 91 Skipped: 382

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Fall & Spring cleanup, Permitted construction hours	1/3/2022 9:04 AM
2	how will the noise from sports fields be considered. It also seems the bylaw is meant for a repeated issue and not an exception. for example, leaf cleanup often runs past dusk due to the limited work base, size of properties, and available days in fall	1/2/2022 11:11 AM
3	Homeowner landscaping maintenance	1/1/2022 11:46 AM
4	Lawn Mowers (Homeowner Landscaping Maintenance) Small House Parties	1/1/2022 11:39 AM
5	Pet nose/dog barking	1/1/2022 11:27 AM
6	bells from schools or churches; farming equipment or activity; state or local agency or utility construction activity; activities that state or federal law prohibits the regulation of	12/31/2021 10:44 PM
7	Persistent loud recorded music	12/31/2021 9:41 PM
8	Dog barking should be exempt.	12/31/2021 6:01 PM
9	Occasional neighbor's outdoor gatherings.	12/30/2021 12:22 PM
10	The only noise that bothers me is motorcycle/vehicle revving, but that is very difficult to monitor because it is fleeting.	12/30/2021 12:16 PM
11	Notice should be given to neighbors if there is an activity which should occur as to when it would begin and when it would end.	12/29/2021 9:07 PM
12	All yard work	12/29/2021 8:08 PM
13	Babies/young children	12/29/2021 6:07 PM
14	I'd take outdoor events off the list. The rest are all for emergencies and the last bullet doesn't fit.	12/29/2021 5:56 PM
15	There is no need for a noise bylaw	12/29/2021 5:54 PM
16	Private household landscape activities and house maintenance activities.	12/29/2021 4:26 PM
17	farming equipment--barking dog	12/29/2021 3:31 PM
18	thanks for these. They are all very appropriate exceptions	12/29/2021 2:09 PM
19	Those were my concerns....thanks for adding the above events.	12/29/2021 2:00 PM
20	All registered vehicles for which standards already exist elsewhere.	12/29/2021 1:05 PM
21	Note that generators typically run a 10-minute exerciser program every week regardless of power outage.	12/29/2021 11:11 AM
22	All Lawn Maintenance and Fall Clean-up	12/29/2021 11:07 AM
23	lawn care	12/29/2021 10:37 AM
24	are 100s of truckloads of parking lot snow acceptable to dump all night long using massive trailer dumps in the middle of the night	12/29/2021 4:32 AM

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25	Businesses on Route 9	12/28/2021 11:35 PM
26	Church bells	12/28/2021 10:59 PM
27	Homeowner lawn care	12/28/2021 9:29 PM
28	Any constitutional protected activity i.e. freedom of speech, freedom of assembly	12/28/2021 9:05 PM
29	Leaf Blowers, lawn mowers, chain saws	12/28/2021 8:11 PM
30	Home repairs that require work outside specified time limits	12/28/2021 1:29 PM
31	Fireworks	12/28/2021 11:21 AM
32	none I can think of	12/27/2021 10:13 AM
33	There should be no exemptions. If such a bylaw is passed it should apply equally across the board.	12/27/2021 9:38 AM
34	Leaf blowers during working hours	12/26/2021 7:28 AM
35	Tree removal	12/25/2021 8:56 AM
36	Leaf/lawn debris removal; street debris clearance, tree removal, tree pruning, dead wood clearing, brush removal, gas-powered blowers, gas-powered chainsaws, gas-powered brush cutters	12/24/2021 11:05 PM
37	Lawn maintenance equipment operating within National Standards.	12/23/2021 11:22 AM
38	General lawn maintenance	12/23/2021 9:45 AM
39	Pets	12/22/2021 10:29 PM
40	Airplane and helicopter	12/22/2021 8:34 PM
41	Snow Throwers should be excluded. Folks in the Medical profession need to get to work at all hours and having a driveway cleared should not be included as a noise issue.	12/22/2021 6:39 PM
42	Other emergencies like when I needed a new septic system or when a tree fell on my house	12/22/2021 6:10 PM
43	everything	12/22/2021 2:27 PM
44	Compressor to blow up your low car tires	12/22/2021 2:11 PM
45	Barking of dogs and house parties	12/22/2021 1:44 PM
46	Loud car exhaust and loud motorcycles	12/22/2021 11:43 AM
47	Special event at home that neighbors were properly notified about far in advance - ex wedding of a family member	12/22/2021 10:10 AM
48	Roofing, leaf collection, emergency repairs, repairs critical to the use of the property	12/22/2021 10:10 AM
49	Livestock	12/22/2021 9:28 AM
50	Garden and yard equipment	12/22/2021 9:22 AM
51	495 Traffic. Would Southboro ever consider putting up barrier walls to reduce the echo noise traffic as truck are using J-Brakes and every day traffic on the highway.	12/22/2021 8:40 AM
52	Tree removal, even if not due to a storm.	12/22/2021 8:37 AM
53	Those piercingly awful and very loud Amazon backup beeps...it's awful hearing them at 8, 9, almost 10pm when a truck will sometimes deliver! It's awful all the time but evening is annoying. Loud enough to wake a baby	12/22/2021 8:12 AM
54	That is fine	12/22/2021 8:05 AM
55	This bylaw is a bad idea and could create all sorts of unintended problems. Please abandon it.	12/22/2021 8:02 AM
56	I would add- Impending storm for leaf blowers-If there is a snow storm predicted to deliver >3" by a weather service then leaf blower use could be extended up to 2 hours earlier on weekdays and weekends and extended to add 2 additional hours on the back end.	12/22/2021 7:53 AM

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57	Leaf blowers. We live in frigging New England. Don't eliminate them, just restrict what times they can be used.	12/22/2021 6:43 AM
58	Snow removal, outdoor grad,n parties	12/22/2021 12:41 AM
59	The noise bylaw is unnecessary	12/21/2021 11:43 PM
60	All if the above	12/21/2021 10:58 PM
61	Generators have to make the exception list, we've been without power for a week. My ability to resume activities with a generator should not be dictated by an annoyed neighbor. Same for snowblowers. Actually, I believe everything on this list should be excluded from the bylaw.	12/21/2021 10:54 PM
62	We don't need a noise bylaw	12/21/2021 9:37 PM
63	Landscaping equipment	12/21/2021 9:30 PM
64	Too much ,it's petty	12/21/2021 9:00 PM
65	Lawn mowers and leaf blowers	12/21/2021 8:43 PM
66	Home owners activities should be unrestricted	12/21/2021 8:24 PM
67	Yard maintenance (mowing, leaf blowing)	12/21/2021 7:59 PM
68	Everything. This is ridiculous.	12/21/2021 7:57 PM
69	I don't want kids being told not to play outside because of this	12/21/2021 7:55 PM
70	All community, civic, sports-related, events.	12/21/2021 7:23 PM
71	Our neighbors son (adult) has severe autism. He is often outside vocalizing. Such should NOT be covered by this bylaw.	12/21/2021 7:01 PM
72	All should be considered.	12/21/2021 6:37 PM
73	chainsaws in the winter. heat house with wood, gotta cut when needed	12/21/2021 4:48 PM
74	Emergency tree removal	12/21/2021 4:37 PM
75	Any damage where timely cleanup/remediation is important: house fire, tree fallen on house, water leak, etc	12/21/2021 4:05 PM
76	Constructions in residential neighbourhoods (especially for people working from home, it's very disruptive)	12/21/2021 3:57 PM
77	Any and all equipment needed if there is a home emergency- ex. Chain saws needed to take care of downed trees during a storm.	12/21/2021 3:00 PM
78	Include mowers and blowers in the exempt list.	12/21/2021 2:51 PM
79	When major road work to better the community	12/21/2021 2:18 PM
80	emergencies in general	12/21/2021 2:11 PM
81	I believe "occasional" should be taken off of events. If a permit is granted, that permitted individual has the right to proceed under the guidelines of the permit. This committee should not dictate the ability of the town to permit events, parades, or gatherings.	12/21/2021 2:06 PM
82	Preparation for outdoor events (mowing, blowing etc.)	12/21/2021 2:06 PM
83	Alarms (reasonable duration). Permits should have a duration - years of construction are unacceptable. Permits required for particularly loud construction - blasting, pile drivers, demolition. Permits should include reasonable advance notice to neighbors.	12/21/2021 2:05 PM
84	Public fireworks	12/21/2021 1:32 PM
85	All	12/21/2021 1:14 PM
86	Homeowners and landscapers. Landscapers are usually small businesses and need our support.	12/21/2021 1:07 PM
87	children playing outside during daylight hours	12/21/2021 1:02 PM

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88	private outdoor parties with entertainment	12/21/2021 12:39 PM
89	Landscapers trying to make a living	12/21/2021 12:34 PM
90	Homeowner parties with notice provided to neighbors. Though should cap at 11pm and only allowed on Friday/Saturday/Holiday Nights	12/21/2021 12:21 PM
91	Home construction	12/21/2021 12:12 PM

## Q13 Please leave any additional comments for the Noise Bylaw Committee:

Answered: 173 Skipped: 300

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I work during the day so I have to use Off-work hours to maintain our yard as homeowners. I agree for noise constraint during "sleeping hours" but want ability for contractors to provide better "when can you come?" and lower prices \$ due to less restrictions.	1/3/2022 9:04 AM
2	Keep it simple	1/2/2022 3:35 PM
3	the bylaw should be to help eliminate repeated annoyances and not become a hinderance to normal activities	1/2/2022 11:11 AM
4	Create a non-emergency hotline for reporting noise disturbances. Please develop a comprehensive communication plan to inform home owners about the need to attend to their dogs barking. Clearly delineate what is normal and acceptable (e.g. 2-3 times per day, 5-10 min of barking) and what is disruptive (any barking from an unattended dog, or that persists more than a total of 20 min per day). Include advice from a veterinarian with expertise in animal behavior and how to entertain/train dogs. Incessant dog barking is not healthy for the dog OR humans. Dog owners must be responsible or put dogs up for adoption. The incessant dog barking is totally out of control, and I suspect at least partially the result of dogs adopted during the pandemic by inexperience/clueless owners. It's so bad I have considered moving. I will NEVER buy a house again that is near another dwelling with a fenced-in area, which has invited bad ownership of dogs. The house next door recently sold, and old neighbors with terribly loud dogs were replaced with new neighbors with a terribly loud dog. 2-5 HOURS, EVERY DAY!	1/2/2022 10:16 AM
5	Just because Peter can't get along with his neighbors doesn't mean we need a silly new rule.	1/2/2022 12:01 AM
6	Noise is noise - some specifics above don't make sense. Also, I think contractors and homeowners should have same restrictions but you didn't allow for me to list them. Survey needs correction.	1/1/2022 9:41 PM
7	- Restrict yardwork to twice a week, less traffic and good for environment - ban Sunday mail/package delivery	1/1/2022 9:00 PM
8	Atv, dirt bike and similar equipment should not be allowed in residential area , no matter how big the property is	1/1/2022 3:19 PM
9	A noise bylaw is unnecessary overregulation to a nonexistent problem. Who will be enforcing this? Police officers have much greater public safety responsibilities. Will overtime be needed for the zoning enforcement officer to enforce the bylaw should it occur after hours?	1/1/2022 11:46 AM
10	Over regulating a non-existent problem.	1/1/2022 11:39 AM
11	I would urge the committee to focus on long-term noise, especially from industrial sources that may impact the town's residents, including construction noise. The loud nature of these sounds, coupled with their being prolonged over hours and often early in the morning or late at night, jeopardizes public health. Thank you for your hard work!	1/1/2022 11:27 AM
12	Un-needed	1/1/2022 11:03 AM
13	I'd start with as simple (and least restrictive) an approach as possible to see how it works; if there are significant issues that this initial approach doesn't address effectively, the bylaw can be modified later There should be a process whereby a variance in the requirements (and also a variance related to the time necessary for compliance) can be applied for and approved (possibly by the Selectmen?)	12/31/2021 10:44 PM
14	Not a problem here now but it could be in the future: persistent loud recorded music (with exceptions, maybe permitted, for special events like graduation parties)	12/31/2021 9:41 PM



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15	I am not bothered by noise at my home.	12/31/2021 9:18 PM
16	Please strongly consider limiting chronic industrial noise from industrial sites in town, especially after-hours or overnight (from 6pm to 7am). Please follow MAHB model noise bylaw regarding no overnight noise. Southborough is a residential community and the health and well-being of residents must come first.	12/31/2021 6:01 PM
17	Noise levels from commercial properties should be included. Example, roof top air units.	12/30/2021 8:35 PM
18	I am very concerned that this is the type of restriction that could be applied in a discriminatory or targeted manner. While certain noises bother me occasionally I don't think an ordinance solves the problem and I don't want our tax payer resources used for enforcement of something so arbitrary and that could be applied so unevenly.	12/30/2021 12:16 PM
19	I disagree with any noise bylaws - the town is very quite and all activities are with normal levels and part of day to day living- any noise is from things that have been around numerous years trains, route 90, route 9 and 495	12/29/2021 9:10 PM
20	In order to preserve the integrity of the wonderful Town of Southborough, this Noise By/Law should be given much weight in order to protect what we have and enjoy our environment, no matter what street we live on. Southborough is a special Town and we should keep it that way. A Noise By/Law is very much needed to protect the well being of our residents and quality of life here.	12/29/2021 9:07 PM
21	We do not need a bylaw just common courtesy	12/29/2021 8:08 PM
22	Town government does not need to regulate every aspect of Town life. We already have a useless and unenforceable Illumination bylaw. There is absolutely no need for a Noise bylaw.	12/29/2021 5:54 PM
23	I feel that people who have to go out to work and can't afford contractors to do their chores during the day must be able to do these chores (and therefore make normal noises like hammering or leaf blowing) during non business hours. If people work at home now or are at home and not working they should be able to tolerate normal noises of life. Perhaps if people occasionally find a noise to be disturbing they can wear noise cancelling headphones or earplugs for the brief time they are bothered.	12/29/2021 4:26 PM
24	should be limited	12/29/2021 3:31 PM
25	If there is a noise bylaw it should be indiscriminate whether it is from a homeowner or contractor. The same rules should apply to all. I would think any other answer would face enormous bias complaints.	12/29/2021 3:30 PM
26	Our neighbor's dog barks excessively and loudly and menacingly. People who come to our house are often afraid that the dog will get out and attack. This is a very large dog. Sometimes we complain directly to the neighbor which has minimal impact. Frequently we contact the animal officer and or the police. This gives the best results and our neighbor's dog is usually quiet for ~1-2 months after following up with the police. This cycle is repeated as necessary. I am a lifelong resident of Southborough and have never had this problem before. I also walk through most of the neighborhoods throughout Southborough for exercise and have no complaints with other dogs. As luck would have it our neighbor's dog is most likely the very nosiest dogs in town and we need help. Thank you very much for your consideration.	12/29/2021 2:32 PM
27	It is the intensity of the landscaper's new equipment that is now unbearable. They all wear protective head gear. And the number of crew members using them at one time! My street sometimes has 3 different companies using blowers at one time, with 2-3 crew members each. And at 7:45 am. Unbearable. And it lasts for hours. There is no relief. Some of their uses are just lazy, when a rake would actually do a better job. And they come back every week in the fall. God forbid someone should have a leaf on their lawn. I HATE them!!! Please make it stop!	12/29/2021 2:09 PM
28	At this point in time I don't think there is a need for a specific noise bylaw, but perhaps others are encountering worse situations than me. If people keep the noise down between 7am-8pm I think that is just fine. (An occasional summer party to 10pm perhaps)	12/29/2021 2:00 PM
29	Please PLEASE make the bylaw (if any) as loose as possible. People have a right to occasionally make some noise on their property outside of what others consider to be work hours. Give recourse in the bylaw to those being harassed thru the bylaw by vengeful neighbors. The worst thing for noise are traffic speed bumps. They should be eliminated. Put up a speed camera. Speed bumps are horrible noise pollution.	12/29/2021 1:05 PM

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30	<p>1. While Mass Pike construction noise may be under the control of the State Government, the town must be proactive in representing our concerns about the noise. At a minimum the town should measure noise around Mass Pike construction sites to ensure that the state meets its noise commitments. We are not entirely without leverage given that we contribute emergency services to accidents on the Mass Pike and other state highways. 2. The town should form a coalition with other towns bordering the Mass Pike and state highways like Rt 495 to press for noise reduction regulations on these highways. In particular, tire tread design contributes considerably to the overall noise. The increasing number of 4WD pickup trucks with mud-terrain tires increases overall noise and road damage. Road design also affects noise. Porous asphalt helps to reduce tire noise. Education campaigns and even road taxes that reflect the increased road maintenance cost of noisy tires or a high proportion of heavy passenger vehicles should be promoted by the towns in such a coalition.</p> <p><a href="https://www.lesschwab.com/article/want-quiet-tires-look-for-these-features.html">https://www.lesschwab.com/article/want-quiet-tires-look-for-these-features.html</a>  <a href="https://www.tirereview.com/science-tire-noise/">https://www.tirereview.com/science-tire-noise/</a> 3. There is no practical reason why landscaping firms can't make a transition to all-electric equipment over a few seasons. Now that California has banned gas-powered equipment there will be a very vibrant market for quieter, non-polluting equipment. I have already switched all my garden equipment to battery-powered devices (lawnmower, chainsaw, trimmer, leaf blower.) The snow blower will be next when it has reached the end of its working life. 4. The landscapers that ruin my Saturday mornings start by dropping the steel ramps on the back of their trucks to the roadway. The noise is deafening and wakes me before they start the engines on their lawnmowers. Unnecessary and avoidable noise like this needs to be addressed in the bylaw too, regardless of starting time.</p>	12/29/2021 11:11 AM
31	<p>Please consider that most people who don't think we need a noise bylaw are not going to bother to take the time for this survey. The vast majority of your survey feedback is going to come from a vocal minority who intent on controlling the activities of others. In other words--a bunch of "Karens."</p>	12/29/2021 10:37 AM
32	<p>What a waste of time and efforts. If you want to stop the noise, find out how to put up noise barriers along the pike - which is the #1 cause of noise in town. Leave us residents alone. Being a 4th generation living in this town, I can't believe that this is what is being prioritized as a problem when we have such other, bigger issues. Personally, I'm disgusted.</p>	12/29/2021 9:01 AM
33	<p>Ear plugs work great for unwanted noise</p>	12/29/2021 7:54 AM
34	<p>Regular highway noise is a considerable issue in town</p>	12/29/2021 6:52 AM
35	<p>Construction trucks, jake brakes, Loud motorcycles, leaf blowers all are the most bothersome to me.</p>	12/28/2021 10:59 PM
36	<p>It used to be in the past that lawn maintenance mostly took place on Saturdays and after work during the week. While I must say I do use a mowing service, I do feel that there is always someone's lawn being mowed or leaf blown every day. It is a difficult thing to legislate as people should be able to care for their property when it is convenient for them. Perhaps it just becomes overwhelming because of the commercial equipment noise levels. I honestly feel torn as a person who enjoys quiet and one who also wants to be able to work outside when I get the opportunity.</p>	12/28/2021 10:52 PM
37	<p>I am in favor of some restrictions to limit very loud noises that could disturb wildlife and towns persons, however, this survey leads me to believe that the proposed bylaws will be far too restrictive and inhibit normal day to day activities for homeowners, residents, and businesses. I am not in favor of much of what is being proposed here.</p>	12/28/2021 10:36 PM
38	<p>The questions should have had a Does Not Apply option. As written will give misleading info. For example only a few people live near restaurants and would be impacted by noise from that source so wouldn't have a lot of negative responses but that doesn't mean noise from that source isn't a privlem. Likewise barking dogs might not be a problem until someone with a barking dog moves in next door.</p>	12/28/2021 10:30 PM
39	<p>Our officers are busy enough, they do not need to be chasing noise complaints of people who are offended by just about everything.</p>	12/28/2021 9:29 PM
40	<p>The town of Southborough used to be a great rural community until we gave our neighbors the right to dictate what we could do with our own personal private property.</p>	12/28/2021 9:05 PM
41	<p>While I think a level of common sense should be used, I don't think we should be overly restrictive on small lawn care businesses. Everyone has the right to make a living.</p>	12/28/2021 8:11 PM

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42	I have lived in Southborough for almost 30 years and noise has not been a major issue. I do think giving police the authority to enforce a noise bylaw if there are complaints may not be a bad idea. However, having a hard and fast rule may be overkill.	12/28/2021 4:05 PM
43	The legwork involved in measuring complaints toward landscapers might be lessened by requiring contractors to obtain an annual or bi-annual permit for ALL power equipment, at which time it would be tested for compliance in terms of maximum decibel output. Testing and permitting to be done, perhaps, at the DPW. Permit fees generated would fund manpower and equipment necessary for testing.	12/28/2021 3:19 PM
44	Set time limits, and leave it at that. I vote at town meetings, and will vote in opposition to anything that puts responsibility of measurement of noise on Police/Public Safety. I might consider noise levels and mandating use of mufflers on construction equipment for a major construction project like Park Central, if that were ever to move forward. If this comes across as a bylaw intended to put landscape companies out of business I will vote in opposition.	12/28/2021 1:29 PM
45	Let us not have a law for the sake of implementing more restrictions. It should be very simple with time windows and a noise level set at a level that would really be an issue. Contractors should not get preferential treatment over homeowners who do their own yard work,	12/28/2021 11:21 AM
46	Probably need to have an exemption for snow removal. That might need to be done early or later depending upon amount of snowfall. People do need to get to work.	12/28/2021 11:13 AM
47	Some of the biggest offenses are the sirens from police and fire. Granted, they must be used in traffic and to warn pedestrians they are approaching, but often, and especially with the fire department, they are blaring the sirens with no one else in sight. Seems like they have watched too many TV shows set in the big city where the safety vehicles lean on the sirens all the way! Use sirens as needed, not just as standard driving practice.	12/27/2021 6:07 PM
48	What will be done about industrial noise, ie. Ken's and other distribution or waeehouse type businesses proposed on route nine or in our neighborhoods?	12/27/2021 10:13 AM
49	I would prefer to have Saturday hours for Contractors limited to 9am to 2 pm. the selection in the question didn't allow for an earlier end choice	12/27/2021 9:51 AM
50	The predetermined hour ranges in questions 7 and 8 are indicative of a biase of the Noise Bylaw Committee. It brings the legitmacy of the committee into question.	12/27/2021 9:38 AM
51	I understand that the work on the Mass Pike bridges was a nuisance to some but it was a temporary, but vital nuisance. I don't believe we have a need for town-wide noise bylaws, and this is coming from someone who lives very close to an individual with a private airstrip.	12/26/2021 10:05 PM
52	No bylaw necessary	12/25/2021 10:14 PM
53	Remember that when restrictions are placed on contractors the costs associated with additional duration of a project will be passed on to us, the consumer or end user...	12/25/2021 11:26 AM
54	Do not make the mistake of outlawing gas-powered landscape/lawn-maintenance devices. The current technology for Battery-powered yard tools has not evolved to the point where they can handle a professional workload; i.e., they take 2X longer than gas-powered devices, have 1/2 to 1/20th the cfu clearing capacity of professional gas-powered lawn maintenance devices, and therefore dramatically increase the labor-time required to clear the same parcel (business or residential). Job costs go through the roof. The homeowner loses. The Service providers lose as they no longer have a profitable economy-of -scale that they can deliver at an affordable level.	12/24/2021 11:05 PM
55	The only noise that bothers us, and it is awful, is noise from construction on the Pike. I realize you aren't the state, but town officials get considerably more attention from the state than mere taxpayers.	12/24/2021 8:14 PM
56	Don't go crazy with this bylaw putting additional burden on the police for enforcement. Most residents just want defined hours of work. All machines make noise to get a task done, it is what it is.	12/24/2021 11:41 AM
57	Electric leaf blowers should be required in the bylaw as they are much quieter. They could be phased in over several years so owners have time to upgrade.	12/24/2021 9:30 AM
58	Noise is not only annoying but harm the ear and kidneys and take away lifespan. Should add no noise at nap time around noon which is necessary for good health.	12/24/2021 9:14 AM

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59	Never knew this was an issue. Hope the laws don't get too restrictive for homeowners. We should be able to use our best judgement as to what is appropriate in our neighborhood.	12/23/2021 7:27 PM
60	Do not make it legal or permissible for a resident to complain using noise meter. Call the authorities if you need... let them handle the situation.	12/23/2021 4:01 PM
61	please consider a way to factor in duration. when all neighbors use same landscaper the noise is intense for hours on end. there should be a limit to amount of time work can be done in one concentrated area. Leaf blowers on all sides for 4 hours is a bigger problem than one and done approach.	12/23/2021 2:02 PM
62	There should be some serious thought as to which entity should be to you forcing agent if this bylaw is created. Adding this to the police officers responsibility May not result in the enforcement that the Town is seeking with this by law. Traditionally police officers are not zoning enforcement officers in the criminal and traffic.	12/23/2021 1:07 PM
63	1. A form on the town website for reporting violations will give a good record of patterns of noise bylaw violation. 2. Second point: who is going to enforce noise bylaw violations? Building department is not a good enforcer of bylaws in residential violations, they say they have no power to enforce. 3. Can fines collected from violations go to a special police fund, similar to the ambulance fund. The police dept. needs to be funded for the additional work of noise bylaw complaints.	12/23/2021 10:11 AM
64	Not necessary. Too restrictive	12/23/2021 9:16 AM
65	I did not support the by law. It is a by law looking for a problem. Shame on the Planning Bd - why not work on the recommendations of the Master plan for which the taxpayers spent \$65,000	12/23/2021 8:31 AM
66	Please god stop with the early morning noise. It is ruining my life.	12/23/2021 2:08 AM
67	Biggest issue in our neighborhood is commercial landscapers mowing and blowing	12/22/2021 8:58 PM
68	I think strict laws create more problems then they help. I believe an officer should be able to order a stop if there are at least two documented complaints to the PD about an incident.	12/22/2021 6:12 PM
69	Motorcycles racing on route 9 has become a problem. You have to be careful with these bylaws because then you have to get special permits if you want to do anything.	12/22/2021 6:10 PM
70	Landscapers are the worst. They should not be protected. They can do commercial properties on weekends and early mornings. Leave residential neighborhoods for 9-5 only.	12/22/2021 3:26 PM
71	There should be no noise bylaws. This is a free country, keep it this way. I don't live in Brookline for a reason	12/22/2021 2:27 PM
72	I would rather encourage talking to your neighbors, before having a noise bylaw ordinance implemented	12/22/2021 2:11 PM
73	the commuter train and the firing range are the only things I hear from my home. I knew about both of these before I moved here and was not concerned. I enjoy Southborough ... it's rural feel yet convenience to everything.	12/22/2021 2:10 PM
74	Please focus on the residential nature of the town first. All businesses in Southborough are within close proximity to residential neighborhoods and noise from those businesses can adversely impact residents ability to use and enjoy their property.	12/22/2021 1:42 PM
75	Noise statute is long overdue. I Have lived in Southborough for 35 years. For 20 years or so Southboro was peaceful and quiet at our house. Then everything changed with 1 new neighbor. Just because you may not experience a problem now with noise doesn't mean you won't in the future. People should think about what's the right thing to do for this town as neighboring towns and cities have done.	12/22/2021 12:55 PM
76	There is no real way to enforce a noise bylaw. People also have the right to work on their property. Common sense and nuisance bylaw is more than enough.	12/22/2021 12:54 PM
77	No bylaw necessary. Fight another fight	12/22/2021 11:43 AM
78	Dog barking is a frequent activity around me.	12/22/2021 11:29 AM
79	I think you should focus on more important issues - like getting masks off kids. This is such a distraction and invites the usual town complainers to have a voice, as usual.	12/22/2021 10:46 AM

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80	I don't think we need one	12/22/2021 10:25 AM
81	I believe the biggest source of constant and extreme noise in Southborough are the highways that transect this community. I have lived in Southborough for the past 7 years and owned two different properties miles apart and I am always surprised on how the highway noise reverberates through town. Given that Southborough seems to have more than it's fair share of the Mass highway system burden it would be desirable to have Mass DOT erect noise barriers along the highways similar to those seen in other communities.	12/22/2021 10:10 AM
82	Please ensure that this bylaw does not inadvertently affect legal ownership of livestock, or other homesteading activities.	12/22/2021 9:28 AM
83	I don't feel a noise bylaw is needed as generally most people are within reasonable working hours for construction, landscaping, home repair etc. I feel these laws just lead to more issues for the police being called to resolve issues between neighbors that could have been resolved in other ways. If hours are restricted too much it also leads to issues with landscaping and construction companies being able to complete their work in a timely manner and results in delays and hardships for those companies. I feel this eventually leads to some neighbors just deciding following the noise bylaws to upkeep their house is too difficult and they just allow it to fall into disrepair. I would rather be occasionally woken up early than have homes in my neighborhood where the grass is never cut, leaves never blown etc.	12/22/2021 9:18 AM
84	I live in a very quiet neighborhood in Southborough, ( Barn Lane) My neighbors play loud music and entertain guests almost every weekend in the summer, I have addressed this issue with them but sometimes they continue to do it Our properties are really close together on the side they have their music and pool house and ours also, so it makes it really hard for us to have people over when they entertain, their music is so loud I can hear it in my house! I think if there was some type of law, maybe they would think twice about it? I cannot continuously keep getting the police involved and the police not having anything valid to go there for unless it's after 10 pm I don't think I should have to wait until 10 pm to complain about loud annoying music! There is also a continued dirt bike/ atv issue on our road as well, maybe there should be signs on the road that those are not allowed?	12/22/2021 9:04 AM
85	For Stockwell lane, it's mainly landscapers and the high powered vacuum-like leaf blower/picker upers and the start time on weekends.	12/22/2021 9:00 AM
86	I don't see noise issues as a problem.	12/22/2021 8:54 AM
87	We don't want to be too restrictive. Can we prioritize battery operated equipment over gas? They are much quieter and better for the environment?	12/22/2021 8:47 AM
88	495 Traffic. Would Southboro ever consider putting up barrier walls to reduce the echo noise traffic as truck are using J-Brakes and every day traffic on the highway.	12/22/2021 8:40 AM
89	Please do not do this. This would hurt the town. I do not understand why anyone wants this.	12/22/2021 8:39 AM
90	Consider making guidelines neighborhood specific. There are a lot of neighborhoods where things like leaf blowers, general landscaping work and even construction work does not disrupt neighbors. It would seem inefficient to handcuff neighborhoods without noise pollution risk with time restrictions.	12/22/2021 8:37 AM
91	For us the main issue is the constant noise of residential leaf blowers from neighbors who have a lawn service already doing it during the week. Time to find a new hobby.	12/22/2021 8:19 AM
92	Too many roosters should be outlawed. We live next to a neighbor who had way too many animals and rhe roosters are loud all day long and we cannot open our windows in rhe summer because they would wake us up. There is just too much livestock for one residential area.	12/22/2021 8:02 AM
93	This bylaw is a bad idea and will create all sorts of unintended problems for our town and living here. Please abandon it.	12/22/2021 8:02 AM
94	Good luck- This is a mighty task. If you are submitting for the Warrant it closes early January. Appeal to those individuals who attend town meeting- I can find the listing that Jim Hegarty ran for me.	12/22/2021 7:53 AM
95	Not it needed	12/22/2021 7:50 AM
96	I have been woken up by a neighbors very loud car many times, leaf blowers or a neighborhood dog, etc. However, I would not consider adding noise bylaws! Please don't add	12/22/2021 7:22 AM



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	rules to our quaint small town.	
97	Homeowner hours on Legal Holidays- would consider a shorter window of work - 9am-12pm	12/22/2021 7:05 AM
98	I am concerned that if my spouse or landscaper wants to blow the leaves and the only time he has is outside the noise window our entire neighborhood will be full of leaves. Best there will be a committee for leaf pickup. This is an unnecessary committee carefully arranged at town meeting to get voted in. It's easy to rally a small group to get these things passed, we are a small town with big worries over small issues.	12/22/2021 7:01 AM
99	LOUD MUFFLERS AND RACING ENGINES	12/22/2021 6:15 AM
100	Landscaping companies also create hazardous conditions by parking on roadways instead of in the driveways of their clients.	12/22/2021 4:40 AM
101	This is just another intrusion into personal lives and should be worked out between neighbors, not as yet another expansion of police overreach.	12/22/2021 12:56 AM
102	Crying babies don,t count. Loud barking dogs are very annoying. Tree cutting, chipping should Not be done early, not during summer dinner time when we want to have a nice dinner on the porch.	12/22/2021 12:41 AM
103	I work the midnight shift for work, and sleep during the day. I live off a main road in town, and never have had an issue with being woken up by anything landscape, construction, etc. related.	12/21/2021 11:45 PM
104	We don't need further restrictions. MA law can be utilized if someone peace is being disturbed.	12/21/2021 11:43 PM
105	Please be reasonable as you draft this policy. Urban life is noisy. I like quiet neighbourhoods too, but I do not believe in putting extra restrictions on me or my neighbors to satisfy a few who are annoyed by all sounds. Businesses have to do business, we just have to strike the right balance. Thank you for the committee's time and efforts.	12/21/2021 10:54 PM
106	I believe Oregon Road is becoming a cut through Southborough and Ashland for construction trucks.	12/21/2021 10:30 PM
107	There has to be a way to encourage common courtesy towards neighbors...	12/21/2021 10:16 PM
108	Roads are broken and speed limit is 40 on Cordaville Road, why not town market to rail station should have same speed limit 30 mph? Besides, roads condition are extremely bad and city must need to take action to build new road.	12/21/2021 10:16 PM
109	The landscaping trucks blocking the entire road bother me more than the noise. My biggest concern is the Kens factory on rt 9. The noise they generate after 9 pm is unacceptable	12/21/2021 10:04 PM
110	We don't need a noise or light bylaw	12/21/2021 9:37 PM
111	It is unnecessary for this town to institute a noise bylaw. Lot sizes are sufficient where the noise does not severely affect the neighbors. Furthermore, most noise issues are occurring during the daytime hours affecting folks who are working on a remote basis. A noise bylaw should be limited to the evening or nighttime hours.	12/21/2021 9:30 PM
112	I understand that many of our major highways that run through the town are state owned but I am interested in anything we can do for noise mitigation at the town level. With how many highways we have, it is a major disturbance for a large number of people in town. For my area specifically it is the truck brakes, it would be nice if there was an ordinance for the town prohibiting these, etc.	12/21/2021 9:24 PM
113	I don't need such law in my neighborhood	12/21/2021 9:11 PM
114	Sad ,it's reach this and most believe it's being driven from a small group .your going to hurt hard working people who really need the money for there family's .most contractors are not from southboro .not only will it be difficult to police but the turnover rates in the trades is so high they just won't care and take a chance.if you want to stop nuisance create a law banning headphones and EarPods they are a safety problem.	12/21/2021 9:00 PM
115	Just use common sense and keep the crazy guy from town meeting out of this discussion.	12/21/2021 8:59 PM
116	Southborough is an extremely quiet town why is this even a thing? some of these people need a hobby. God bless.	12/21/2021 8:48 PM

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117	A noise bylaw is unnecessary in such a quiet town. The people pushing for this bylaw need to reevaluate their use of free time if they truly believe this is necessary.	12/21/2021 8:40 PM
118	Seems like a waste of time, hopefully it's doesn't see the light of day.	12/21/2021 8:37 PM
119	Traffic is a big concern and generates noise. Size of vehicles, hours etc. the biggest noise related issue we have are large trucks traveling at high speeds on our roads and at all hours of the night.	12/21/2021 8:24 PM
120	Businesses who have early employee hours 6:30 loud booming music and loud mufflers should NOT be allowed - weekend hours not appreciated or late night hours - businesses need to stick to set hours it's not fair to residents with ongoing noise interruptions.	12/21/2021 8:10 PM
121	Unless the residents asking for a Noise Bylaw do not mow their lawns or clear leaves and/or pay others to do this, it is extremely selfish to expect their neighbors to conduct these basic responsible home maintenance activities according to their whim. Whether the homeowner does these themselves or pays a contractor should not matter --- if an elderly neighbor can't DIY their lawn, they shouldn't be expected to worry about what time their paid contractor does the work.	12/21/2021 7:59 PM
122	As I noted above this is completely unnecessary. Please spend your time working on things that actually matter.	12/21/2021 7:57 PM
123	I don't want kids being told not to play outside because of this	12/21/2021 7:55 PM
124	Please consider the effects fireworks have on people with PTSD as well as what it does to dogs within earshot. I appreciate the spirit of them but there are many individuals and animals that are traumatized by them. At the very least organizations having them should give plenty of warning on social media or old fashioned mailings to their neighbors so we can prepare with medications or remove ourselves from the neighborhood until after they are over.	12/21/2021 7:23 PM
125	Homeowners should be allowed to do as they please. If you are asking for homeowners to get a permit for every birthday party, celebration, etc...you are creating too much red tape. Be reasonable and apply it to others that are not the homeowner. There are also groups, such as sports organizations, civic organizations, and community organizations (such as 501c3 organizations) that should be exempt as they promote community gatherings at community spaces. Neighbors should not have the right to complain about these types of events if they live near a community space. You should also focus on working with the State on noise maintenance along the major highways. I am surprised that this has never come up near the Finn school, where kids are, that noise and air pollution is higher due to the mass pike which could be easily resolved with barriers similar to what is done in Newton.	12/21/2021 7:23 PM
126	Thank you for your attention to this matter.	12/21/2021 7:22 PM
127	UNNECESSARY	12/21/2021 7:12 PM
128	Train?	12/21/2021 7:02 PM
129	This is ridiculous. Too much complaining. Noise is a fact of life. Police will be bogged with nonsense instead of real issues. Where does this end? No shiny cars because they hurt my eyes?	12/21/2021 6:59 PM
130	I am curious what area(s) is town prompted this concern. I would hope that we are still the type of community that speaks to our neighbors and works with our neighbors directly when issues/concerns arise. Having a noise bylaws seems extreme	12/21/2021 6:16 PM
131	Helicopters are the greatest and loudest disturbance in my neighborhood. They tend to fly very low.	12/21/2021 6:00 PM
132	Please consider the noise generated by delivery trucks, trash collection vehicles in the early am ie: 6am	12/21/2021 5:56 PM
133	If you are having something done and the work needs to be completed in order for something to function, I don't think there should be any restrictions. How would you feel if that happened to you.	12/21/2021 5:09 PM
134	When I first heard of the proposed bylaw it sounded ok but after thinking about it I am not so sure. Part of this is that the duration of the noise is a big factor for me. For example, I use a contractor to remove the leaves from my property. Many of my neighbors do it themselves. My contractors take one 90-minute session on a weekday to do the job, my neighbors take	12/21/2021 4:37 PM

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multiple weekends. The contactor is noisier than the neighbors. But what's worse, 90 minutes of higher noise once time or weekend after weekend of leaf blowers droning on and on? I find the latter much worse.

135	I think this is great and very much needed. I don't mind barking dogs, but construction and professional landscapers always wake us and then it's hard to work during the day with constant noise. It's noisier in our house than going to the office in Boston.	12/21/2021 3:57 PM
136	This is another waste of time and yet another attempt at over regulation. This town does not have a noise problem. It has a power and rule making problem. Why do people feel it is their job to restrict the freedoms of others to live, to work, etc. like the recent light bylaw this is an effort by a pretentious few to exert their own beliefs on citizens that don't perceive a problem. Please stop.	12/21/2021 3:51 PM
137	I don't see this as a problem at all. I don't think this is necessary and I would hate to see this change some of the community activities that are so great in this town - summer nights, softball, baseball, soccer under the lights.... I have never seen lawn companies out mowing the lawn at an unreasonable time so I don't understand the need to make a law for this. Thank you for your time.	12/21/2021 3:48 PM
138	The Mass Pike work and lack of noise reduction methods must be considered. It destroyed the quality of my family's life and I am still unable to get a good night's rest after months and months of continuous interrupted sleep due to noise and more importantly vibrations. The lack of care and consideration shown by the town and state really soured us and I am no longer left with a favorable view of this town	12/21/2021 3:00 PM
139	Don't need this	12/21/2021 2:57 PM
140	I live on a busy road (Rt 85) so there is constant noise with cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc. during the day. I don't see how a Noise Ordinance would help and I don't think Southborough needs a noise ordinance.	12/21/2021 2:54 PM
141	This is way overdue	12/21/2021 2:54 PM
142	Basically you want all contractors to purchase new quieter equipment, whether they can afford it or not. With enormous restrictions already placed on us with covid, and putting people out of business by the thousands. Let the Noise Nazi's pay for the news equipment. There must be too many people with nothing to do, than control our noise. No thank you	12/21/2021 2:51 PM
143	Use non-criminal ticketing. Warning, \$100, \$200, \$300 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th offense. Noise meters unreliable and court will throw everyone of them out. Enforcement by discretion.	12/21/2021 2:41 PM
144	Not necessary to have noise bylaws.	12/21/2021 2:31 PM
145	not sure how to regulate this but the most bothersome noise related thing is the level of noise that comes from people who have landscapers at their house multiple times a week for hours on end.	12/21/2021 2:28 PM
146	This is not necessary and an overreach	12/21/2021 2:27 PM
147	Honestly, there is worst things happening then having to worry about noise. Can't we just let people live there lives and have some enjoyment. With Covid, people probably entertained more outside. I see this as being a ridiculous issue that people that have nothing better to do but make other peoples lives miserable.	12/21/2021 2:22 PM
148	I have lived in Southborough for 60 years. I live near Rt 495 and Rt 9. It is a way of life. You can't stop people from driving. Also, a majority of people work full time jobs, they only have so much time that they can mow their lawns etc. I have viewed Facebook comments that relate to the construction on the Mass Pike, I feel for those neighbors and the night hours. We had that years ago when the MDC cleared the tree lines on Bigelow and Ward Road. If we pay taxes to better the roads etc you have to expect some noise. It would not be practical to do some of the work during rush hour traffic, as this just causes more headaches.	12/21/2021 2:18 PM
149	Please consult with other towns that have tried to do this - e.g., Palo Alto, CA. Enforcement was very difficult and led to many lawsuits.	12/21/2021 2:15 PM
150	The Biggest problem I have in my neighborhood is Landscape and construction owners operating their business out of their home/shop/yard/shed etc. etc. in a residential neighborhood, example, working on equipment repair, Loud banging day and sometimes at	12/21/2021 2:11 PM



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night, back up alarms on trucks, The sound of small and large engines running when being worked on, To name a few .

151	Please use reason in your decisions as not to disrupt a homeowners right to their land and their ability to maintain it. While I believe a bylaw may be necessary for some, it may not be for all now desired by all.	12/21/2021 2:06 PM
152	Default should be a reasonably quiet environment - but people do need to lead their lives. Also, consider timing - is it a good idea if neighborhoods have a common yard-equipment day(s) (get it over with)? Or is it better to spread it out? Better enforcement of existing vehicle noise laws - unmuffled motorcycles, car radios at volumes you can hear inside a house...	12/21/2021 2:05 PM
153	Fight another fight!!!	12/21/2021 1:58 PM
154	I live on Rte 85, half a mile south of the Pike. I know you're likely unable to do anything about it, but anything that could be done to mitigate the traffic noise from the Mass Pike would be greatly appreciated. Some days (depending on the wind) it is unbearable.	12/21/2021 1:49 PM
155	Any consideration for mass pike daily noise? Any sound barrier as seen along the pike in some towns being considered?	12/21/2021 1:46 PM
156	I think strongly the noise level itself be the focus at certain work hours. Not the work hours themselves. A list of known loud devices with an exemption list as suggested	12/21/2021 1:39 PM
157	It is less than 1% of the vehicles on Rt 9 cause 99% of the noise. I don't even live that close to Rt 9, but we all have to sleep with fans to avoid the extremely loud vehicles from disturbing our sleep. It is a combo of heavy trucks, motorcycles and cars with modified mufflers that are the problem.	12/21/2021 1:38 PM
158	Leaf blowers are the worst, but the thing that wakes me up is when the landscaper drops his metal trailer ramp onto asphalt. I have no idea how to deal with that.	12/21/2021 1:32 PM
159	I think the next big project for the noise committee should be to pursue or decide who in local government is responsible to pursue noise abatements from the state for noise reduction barriers to be built along the mass pike.	12/21/2021 1:31 PM
160	Im fine with the way things are. No need for more laws	12/21/2021 1:25 PM
161	Motorcycles should not be allowed to rev their motors in residential areas or race or the street.	12/21/2021 1:22 PM
162	Neighbors who dog barks allllll day long. How would noise variance be used to stop this noise.	12/21/2021 1:19 PM
163	I believe that the only restrictions should be construction hours. Homeowners should have a right to work on their property and use it as they see fit. Many residents use landscapers to tend to their property and putting restrictions on this would be detrimental to both the homeowner and landscaping business. I understand that construction can be noisy and limiting hours especially on weekends makes sense to me.	12/21/2021 1:07 PM
164	Enforcement is key. The police will shy away from anything they consider to be unpleasant or not popular with the public. Did you know they are supposed to issue ticket to people who don't pick up after their dogs?	12/21/2021 12:39 PM
165	Constuction, speeding cars, and landscaping are worst violators for us	12/21/2021 12:38 PM
166	Rules should not be subjective. We should not attempt to govern all homeowner actions. That said, we should not enable people to harass neighbors (if that's happening)	12/21/2021 12:34 PM
167	We do not need a noise bylaw. Southborough is already one of the most peaceful communities I have ever lived in. We should trust each other to maintain the peace for everybody.	12/21/2021 12:29 PM
168	Is all of this really necessary. I don't think we need a noise bylaw. Seems complex and not worth the town's time.	12/21/2021 12:28 PM
169	homeowner yard work and home improvements should never be affected by town bylaws	12/21/2021 12:25 PM
170	There should definitely be hours specified for commercial (contractors/landscapers) work hours. Other towns have such hours, and they are easily enforced. The Planning Board sometimes writes them in project approvals, but they should simply exists for all contractor activities.	12/21/2021 12:22 PM
171	I don't believe dog barking can be regulated. I have found most dog owners respectful and do	12/21/2021 12:21 PM

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the best to not disturb neighbors. I would find this harder to regulate versus something like construction or leaf blowing.

172	Sorry, but this seems a waste of time to assuage a very few residents.	12/21/2021 12:12 PM
173	Keep it simple - limit by hours only. Just because one member of the committee can't get along with his neighbors.....	12/21/2021 12:05 PM