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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, PROSECUTORS OFFICE, HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND TRANSPORTATION UPDATE THE CITY NOISE ORDINANCE ON THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF INTENTIONALLY GENERATED NOISE POLLUTION ON OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, excessive noise pollution is being initiated by numerous bad actor individuals who intentionally want to disturb many Hawaii residents living in residential areas where their health and quality of life is being negatively impacted by very loud, intentionally generated noise; and

WHEREAS, bad actor individuals have modified their personal vehicles with excessively loud air horns, modified exhaust pipes and loud stereo systems with amplified speakers; and

WHEREAS, individuals travel through our roads on main thru-fares, residential areas, at all hours of the day, intentionally mega blasting air horns from their trucks, blasting loud vehicle exhausts from all types of vehicles to include mopeds and lastly mega blasting stereo systems that severely impact the health, peace and quiet of residents in hospitals, schools, churches, official business meetings; and

WHEREAS, residents who live along the H1 and H2 expressway experience excessively loud vehicle exhaust noise nightly with numerous vehicles racing who negatively impact the sleep of many residents; and

WHEREAS, loud intentionally generated noise, is not only impacting the many people being victimized, but those bad actors will probably experience hearing loss in the out years; and

WHEREAS, medical studies have noted that noise pollution can lead to headaches, sleep loss, stress and high blood pressure but eventual hearing loss with some cases of pregnant women experiencing unborn with hearing loss. Importantly our elderly in Care Homes, children studying in school, babies at rest, our residents in prayer in churches all severely impacted by this loud noise; and

WHEREAS, some mega blasting low frequency base sounds can be heard and felt over 500 feet away penetrating buildings but the dangerous situation is when the elderly are in close contact with exceptionally low frequency base, the vibrating sound could interfere with their pace makers; and

WHEREAS, excessively generated noise pollution is a traffic safety issue because this excessively loud noise prevents these bad actors and people surrounding them from hearing approaching emergency vehicle sirens and horns; and

WHEREAS, bad actors know that the chances of them being ticketed by the Honolulu Police Department for excessive noise is not being enforced and if they did get ticketed, the fine would be minimal where they would continue with their bad actor "In Your Face" loud disruptions to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department has not made it a priority nor do they have the resources to mitigate this important community problem for much needed law enforcement. The aforementioned noise issues, require innovative, creative and resourceful ideas to update the City Noise Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Prosecutor needs to update the City Noise Ordinance law with stiff penalties on bad actors who intentionally impact so many of our residents in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health needs to work with the City Council in establishing noise pollution guidelines while the Hawaii Department of Transportation needs to establish vehicle exhaust noise measuring capabilities and guidelines for vehicle safety inspections; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board requests that the State and City representatives meet and establish a plan of action to update the City Noise Ordinance, develop plans for enforcement of this ordinance and lastly the Prosecutors Office establish harsh penalties to mitigate excessive noise pollution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board recommends the following actions in updating the City Noise Ordinance, HPD law enforcement, City Prosecutor increase in punishment, HDOT safety inspections and community messaging:

- 1) Honolulu Chief of Police make it a priority for Police Officers to ticket bad actors who intentionally generate loud noise impacting the community
- 2) Empower community residents to video/audio record bad actor activities that impact the community and provide signed affidavits by two residents and initiate a police report providing evidence of noise pollution to responding Honolulu Police Officer who could initiate a citation and send to City Prosecutors Office
- 3) City Council update the Noise Ordinance where Police Officers do not have to have a noise meter to measure noise when the overwhelming video and audio evidence demonstrates the negative noise impact.
- 4) City Prosecutor initiate \$500 fine for first offense, \$1,000 for second offense and impoundment of vehicle for 30 days for the third offense
- 5) Department of Health work with the City Council in updating the City Noise Ordinance
- 6) Hawaii Department of Transportation add vehicle exhaust noise measuring capability to the State Vehicle Inspection plan and add this new requirement
- 7) City Council direct the Director of Facilities Management to produce signs for residential areas that warn bad actors they are entering a noise controlled residential community with “NO NOISE DISTURBANCES” (No Loud Exhausts, No Loud Mopeds, No Loud Music) Fines and Vehicle impoundment Authorized.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Mayor Rick Blangiardi; Honolulu City Council; Honolulu City Prosecutors Office; Honolulu Chief of Police; Director, Hawaii Department of Health; Director, Hawaii Department of Transportation; and all Neighborhood Board Chairs.

The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 unanimously approved this resolution at its July 26, 2022 Regular Board meeting, by 11-0-0 vote.

Submitted By: Larry Veray, Chair

