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**AN ORDINANCE BY  
COUNCILMEMBER C.T. MARTIN  
AS SUBSTITUTED BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**TO AMEND ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "NOISE CONTROL" BY RESCINDING THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S EXISTING NOISE ORDINANCE AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THERE OF THE ARTICLE CONTAINED HEREIN; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the City to prohibit noise disturbances or unreasonable noise from all sources, subject to its police power in order to secure and promote the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare, and prosperity of the City of Atlanta and its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta desires to have an enforceable Noise Ordinance that will adequately protect the citizens of the city of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions and prohibitions herein are enacted for the purpose of preventing noise disturbances or unreasonable noise; and

**WHEREAS**, the city finds that above certain levels, unreasonable noise or noise disturbance is detrimental to the health and welfare of the citizenry.

**NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS** that:

## **SECTION 1.**

That the current noise ordinance entitled "Article IV Noise Control" be repealed and substituted in lieu thereof a new Article IV as stated below:

### **ARTICLE IV. NOISE CONTROL**

This Chapter shall be known and may be referred to as the Atlanta Noise Control Code or the Atlanta Noise Ordinance.

#### **Section 1. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*"A" level* is the total sound level of all noise as measured with a sound level meter using the "A" weighting network. The unit of measurement is the dBA.

*Ambient Noise* is the total sound pressure level in the area of interest including the noise source of interest.

*Commercial area* means an area defined in Part 16, Chapters 11--15 of this Code.

*Commercial facility* means any premises, property or facility involving traffic in goods or furnishing of services for sale or profit, including but not limited to: a) banking and other financial institutions b) dining establishments c) establishments for providing retail services d) establishments for recreation