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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager 

**FROM:** Barry Golner, Interim Superintendent 

**DATE:** September 28, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **MOTION RESPONSE #21: 9/27/2022 – Councilor Drinkwater/Councilor Leahy – Require City Manager Have Appropriate Department And/Or Commission Provide A Report On How Noise Levels Are Regulated and Enforced At Permitted Events, with Recommendation For Any Improvements To Ensure Quality Of Life For Residents.**

The Lowell Police Department responds to and enforces the City of Lowell noise ordinance when we receive a call for service. The Police Department could also take action if an officer or supervisor drives by a location or event and feels that the noise level is excessive and may be a violation of the noise ordinance. Sound level meters (decibel) were purchased and placed into our supervisors' cruisers along with a copy of the noise ordinance. On May 12, 2022, Deputy Mark LeBlanc provided every police supervisor with an electronic copy of the ordinance and authorized the deployment of the meters in the vehicles.

I also spoke with Commissioner Dave Fuller who advised that inspectional services will handle noise issues Monday through Friday from approximately 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Most of the issues handled by inspectional services are related to construction noises.

If there are calls for service regarding a noise complaint and a resident does not feel they received an appropriate response, the complainant can request a supervisor respond to evaluate the sound level. The supervisor will respond with a sound meter and determine if a violation is occurring.