

(2) A political subdivision may not adopt any noise control ordinance, rule, or regulation that is less stringent than the environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title.

(3) (i) A political subdivision may not adopt any noise control ordinance, rule, or regulation, including the environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title, that prohibits trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other target shooting between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. by a shooting sports club that is chartered and in operation as of January 1, 2001.

(ii) This paragraph does not apply in Allegany, Baltimore City, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's, and Washington counties.

(b) Each political subdivision [shall]:

(1) [Send] SHALL SEND to the Department a copy of each noise control ordinance, rule, or regulation that it adopts; [and]

(2) [Identify] SHALL IDENTIFY on each zoning map, comprehensive plan, or other appropriate document the sound level limits that are adopted under Subtitle 4 of this title; AND

(3) IS ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER:

(I) COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OR LOCAL NOISE STANDARDS BEFORE ACTING ON ANY PROPOSED VARIANCE REQUESTS OR CHANGES IN ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS; AND

(II) WHETHER THE PERMIT OR ACTIVITY WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL AND STATE NOISE CONTROL STANDARDS, PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING, ACTIVITY PERMIT, OR SIMILAR AUTHORIZING DOCUMENT.

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There is an Environmental Noise Advisory Council in the Department.

3-202.

(a) (1) The Council consists of [5 ] 11 members:

(I) 9 VOTING MEMBERS appointed by the Secretary; AND

(II) 2 EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.

(2) Of the [5] 11 Council members:

(i) 1 shall be appointed from a list of at least 3 qualified individuals submitted to the Secretary by the Acoustical Society of America AND THE INSTITUTE OF NOISE CONTROL ENGINEERING;