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Board Urges City to "Buy Quiet"

Re-printed below in its entirety is a resolution recently passed by the Jacksonville, Florida, Environmental Protection Board.

Resolution #81-1 Buy Quiet Program

WHEREAS, excessive noise is a nationally recognized public health problem, and
WHEREAS, noisy municipal equipment contributes significantly to City noise, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, had initiated a "Buy Quiet" Program to foster municipal purchasing of quieter equipment such as garbage trucks, air compressors, etc., and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board firmly believes that public programs such as "Buy Quiet" are superior to governmental regulations, and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville purchases thousands of dollars of equipment which may be specified at reduced noise levels on a price competitive basis, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board urgently requests that Mayor Godbold direct the Central Services Department (Purchasing Division), with the assistance of the Board and its staff, to join and involve itself in the "Buy Quiet" program. Further, the Board requests all independent agencies to do the same.

On behalf of the Environmental Protection Board, I hereunto affix my signature this 9th day of February, 1981.

(signed) Robert A. Nord
Chairman
Environmental Protection Board
City of Jacksonville

AUTHENTICATED:
(signed) Walter W. Honour
Division Chief
Etc-Environmental Services
Division

Atlanta Ordinance Adopted

Following is the text of the Buy Quiet ordinance adopted by Atlanta's city council.

CLERK OF COUNCIL
Atlanta, Georgia

SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE January 19, 1981
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A POLICY OF PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR NOISE LEVEL LIMITATION AND REDUCTION IN ALL PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE CITY OF ATLANTA; TO PROVIDE THAT A VALUE SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO THE NOISE PRODUCED BY THE GOODS AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR PURCHASE SUCH THAT THE VALUE CREATES AN INCENTIVE TO PURCHASE THE QUIETER GOODS AND SERVICES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

Section 1. That it is the policy of the City to incorporate incentives for noise level limitation and noise level reduction in all purchases of goods and services. That the Mayor or his designee shall assign a value to the noise produced by the goods and services offered for purchase such that this value creates an incentive to purchase the quieter goods and services.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A true copy
/s/ Jerry C. Bearden
DEPUTY CLERK

ADOPTED by City Council Jan. 19, 1981
APPROVED by the Mayor Jan. 26, 1981



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Workshops on

PURCHASING QUIETER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

are to be conducted in

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Los Angeles, California
Atlanta, Georgia
Denver, Colorado
Davenport, Iowa
Northern New England
Southern New England

May 28, 1981
June 12, 1981
July 17, 1981
August 13, 1981
September 18, 1981*
November, 1981*
November, 1981*

*tentative

For more information on these informative, free gatherings of local government officials and industry representatives, contact Steve Gordon, Director, Buy Quiet Program, NIOF, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 101, Arlington, Virginia 22202, telephone (703) 920-4020.

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