Report to the Manitowoc Plan Commission

Meeting Date: July 28, 2021

Report: The Building Inspection, City Attorney and Community Development departments have initiated the creation of a new ordinance limiting the volume of sound coming from a C-1 Commercial use to 70 decibels at the zoning line. The ordinance would also address vibration, heat, glare, radiation or fumes. The proposed language mirrors existing language that is used in the I-1 Light Industrial District. Building Inspection has been having issues with residential districts that are adjacent to residential districts due to noise levels. Other than the I-1 Light Industrial District the Zoning Code does not regulate levels of noise, vibration, heat or fumes. In the past the Police Department would be called and they would use officer's discretion when it comes to noise issues.

Bill Nichols, from Building Inspection will be at the Plan Commission meeting to answer any questions.

Amendments to the Chapter 15 Zoning Code require a public hearing at the Common Council meeting, the public hearing will be scheduled for August 16th.

Recommendation: Approve Section 15.310 (8) of the Municipal Code creating a section of the Zoning Code Regulating nuisance noise, vibration, heat, glare, radiation or fumes.

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