



Date: November 10, 2025
To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Sean O’Keefe, Town Manager
Re: Consideration and Approval: **Ordinance 2025-007 - Noise and Light Control**

Objective:

To conduct the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-007, an ordinance establishing standards for noise and light control within the Town.

Summary:

Ordinance No. 2025-007 proposes the creation of Chapter 119 of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills’ Code of Ordinances relating to noise and light control. The ordinance establishes definitions, adopts a “plainly audible” standard for assessing noise, and sets time-of-day and distance limits for allowable noise in residential and non-residential areas. It also provides exemptions for specific activities, such as construction during permitted hours, emergency services, church bells, and permitted events. The ordinance authorizes a variance process for certain circumstances and sets penalties for violations.

In addition, the ordinance establishes standards to reduce light pollution, glare, and light trespass. These provisions require the use of full cut-off lighting fixtures in most cases, provide shielding and setback requirements where residential and non-residential uses abut, and establish enforcement procedures.

After the first reading of the ordinance, the following exemption was added at lines 215 and 216: *(q) Businesses lawfully established and operating on or before January 1, 1993, provided such operations have not and do not change substantially in scope or intensity.*

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact anticipated with the adoption of this ordinance.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the approval of Ordinance No. 2025-007 as currently presented.