



**County of Prince Edward
Board of Supervisors
Agenda Summary**

Meeting Date: September 11, 2012
Item No.: 18-a
Department: County Administration
Staff Contact: W.W. Bartlett
Issue: Committee Reports: Noise Ordinance

Summary:

The Noise Ordinance Committee met August 21, 2012. The Committee comprises Supervisor Jim Wilck – Chair, Supervisor Pete Campbell and Supervisor Bobby Jones. Also present were: County Attorney Jim Ennis, County Administrator Wade Bartlett, Sheriff Wesley Reed, Chief Animal Control Officer Ray Foster, and Assistant County Administrator Sarah Elam Puckett. Members of the public present were: Mike & Chris Smith, homeowners in the Hunter’s Ridge subdivision, and Lynn East, mother of a homeowner in the Hunter’s Ridge subdivision.

The Noise Ordinance Committee was charged with reviewing a request from Roy and Mary Beth Echevarria regarding excessive dog barking in their neighborhood, the Hunter’s Ridge subdivision. At the August 14, 2012 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Echevarrias asked the Board to consider amending the County Noise Ordinance to add barking dogs as a noise that could be deemed loud and disturbing. Other municipalities were also contacted regarding their ordinances.

The Smiths and Mrs. East discussed with the committee the circumstances involving the dogs belonging to the immediate next-door neighbors of the Echevarrias. Additionally, it was noted that there are other dogs in the neighborhood, in close proximity to the Echevarrias. The committee reviewed all of the facts that had been presented regarding the situation in this neighborhood. The enforceability of an amended noise ordinance was also discussed with the County Attorney, Sheriff and Chief Animal Control Officer.

Based on all available information, the *Committee’s unanimous recommendation to the Board of Supervisors is that, at present, no amendment to the County Noise Ordinance regarding barking dogs or other animals is needed.*

Attachments:

Recommendation: At present, no amendment to the County Noise Ordinance regarding barking dogs or other animals is needed.

Motion _____	Campbell _____	Cooper-Jones _____	Fore _____
Second _____	Gantt _____	Jones _____	McKay _____
	Simpson _____	Wilck _____	