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RESOLUTION

Senate Resolution No.: RF09-009

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Introduced By: Senator Michael Glynn
Chair, Committee on Legislative Action

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Sponsored: Michael Glynn
Chair Glynn

Certified: Mr. Dan Ellis
Speaker of the Senate Ellis

Signed: [Signature]
President Jones

Resolution in Opposition to New Burlington Noise Ordinance

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has a Noise Ordinance in place to deal with the City's noise issues,

WHEREAS, the Current Noise Ordinance (Chapter 21, Offenses & Miscellaneous Provisions, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burlington) calls for a minimum fine of \$200.00, up to a maximum fine of \$400.00 including 6 hours of restorative Justice. The Second Offense carries a fine of \$300.00 minimum and a maximum penalty of \$500.00 and 18 hours of restorative justice. The Third Offense is deemed a criminal offense and carries a fine of \$500.00,

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to this ordinance are as follows: The first offense will carry a minimum fine of \$300.00 with a maximum fine of \$500.00. The Second Offense carries a minimum fine of \$400.00 and with a maximum fine of \$500.00,

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments also require the completion of a restorative justice program and or a "reparative justice program" for tier one and tier two offenders,

Whereas, Empirical Evidence has shown the implementation of a "Reparative Justice" Program is a more effective means of punishment for civil violations for noise ordinances as supported by



Burlington Police Chief Schirling,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government Association of the University of Vermont will not support the proposed changes to the City of Burlington Noise Ordinance,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Body of the University of Vermont supports the status quo on principle, but cannot support an increase in fines given to first and second time offenders due to the current economic hardships felt by both the Students and Burlingtonians alike,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Body of the University of Vermont supports the effective implementation of a "Reparative Justice" policy in conjunction with the current ordinance as supported by empirical data gathered across the country and supported by our Burlington Chief of Police: Mike Schirling.