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Patriarch's Ponds' Restaurants to Close Early After Complaints

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Restaurants and cafes in the affluent Moscow neighborhood of Patriarch's Pond are to close at 11 p.m. after complaints from local residents, local officials announced Tuesday.

Residents in the city's Presnensky District were concerned by the noisiness of restaurants in the evening and night time, an official press release said. Although businesses agreed to the new working hours, a date for the changes to take place has not yet been announced.

Vladimir Goverdovskiy, prefect of the Central Administrative District, also said that more police would be on patrol in the area.

"The work of restaurateurs is to create a leisurely atmosphere, but this should not contribute to discontent among residents," Goverdovskiy said in the press release. "The responsibility for patrons in restaurants and outside them lies with business owners."

Tension between Patriarch's Ponds' residents and business owners has been ongoing since March 2015, when an influx of restaurants arrived in the area.

A large banner appeared in the area over Malaya Bronnaya Street in July 2, 2016, bearing the words: “residents need silence!”

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