

Late night ice cream ban in Milan

Vocabulary Match

residents ● deputy ● disturbing ● apply ● suggest ● upset ●
● use ● bothering ● assistant ● people ● angry ● propose

Article

Milan, a city in Italy, is thinking about making a new rule to stop people from eating ice cream after midnight. This is to help people who live there have a quiet night. This rule could start next month. It would affect 12 areas in the city.

The rule would also stop people from buying takeaway food and drinks after midnight. This is to stop big, loud groups from gathering on the streets and disturbing people's sleep. Marco Granelli, the city's deputy mayor, said: "The goal is to find a balance between having fun and keeping peace for the residents."

This rule would start in mid-May and end in November. It would start at 12:30am on weekdays and 1:30am on weekends and public holidays. It would only apply to outdoor tables to keep the streets clear. People can suggest changes to this rule until early May.

This is not the first time Milan has tried to do this. In 2013, the city tried to make a similar rule but people were very upset, so they changed their minds.

Quiz

1. What is the purpose of the new rule in Milan?
2. When would the rule start and end?
3. Where would the rule apply?

Conversation

A: Freeze! Put your ice cream down and your hands up!

B: What? Why? What did I do wrong?!

A: Ice cream eating is banned after midnight now.

B: Ice cream? Really? I didn't know that.

A: Relax. Just finish up and head home quietly, please.

B: Okay, officer. Sorry for the trouble.

Discussion

1. What do you think about the proposed rule in Milan?
2. How would you feel if a similar rule was implemented in your city?
3. What other solutions could be used to keep the streets quiet at night?