

# Chapter 10.60 Noise Control (Revisions)

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# Overview

- Nighttime Noise (New Section 10.60.040)
- Applies Countywide (inland and coastal)
- Responding to public complaint
- Protect public health, safety, and welfare



# Targeted Revisions

- Applies only to nighttime noise (10 pm to 7:00 am)
- Existing provisions left unchanged (85 dB)
- Only certain kinds of nighttime noise targeted
  - Music, percussion, amplified/broadcasted sound
  - Leaf blower, Chain saw, other
- Exempt:
  - Bells, chimes, etc as part of religious service, public holiday
  - Permitted events
  - Emergency work
  - Commercial agricultural operations



# Research

- Five Jurisdictions Polled:
  - San Luis Obispo County
  - Santa Barbara County
  - Ventura County
  - San Mateo County
  - Sonoma County
- Working sessions w/
  - Sheriff's Office
  - Health and Environmental Health



# Comparative Noise Levels

- Jet Take Off 150 dB
- Chain Saw 120 dB
- Freight Train 80 dB
- Restaurant Conversation 60 dB
- Home Conversation 50 dB
- Library 40 dB
- Proposed Ordinance 45  $L_{eq}$  dB / 55 dB max



# Enforcement

- Noise meter required
- Noise measured at property line



# Options

- Expand purview of regulations
  - Distinguish between weekday and weekend nights
  - Noise at other times of the day
  - Animal noise
- Request technical study
- Defer until such time as work begins on the Community Noise Ordinance
- Decline to adopt new regulations



# Public Comments

- 3 Phone calls
  - Noise from neighboring residential uses in North County
  - Noise from neighboring residential uses in Carmel
  - Animal noise in Carmel Valley
- 1 Letter
  - Animal noise in Carmel Valley





# Recommendations

Staff recommends:

- Encourage public discussion
- Offer revisions and
- Move forward to the Board of Supervisors

