

Chapter 10.60 Noise Control

Planning Commission Workshop

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Overview

- Chapter 10.60, Noise Control
- New Section 10.60.040 – Nighttime Noise
- 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 dbA)
- April 30th Workshop Comments
 - Should apply to all noise (revised accordingly)
 - Noise should be measured at property line of offending property (revised accordingly)
 - 55 dbA standard should be lowered (left unchanged)
 - 55 dbA standard should be raised (raised to 60 dbA)
 - Should address daytime noise (left unchanged)
 - Need better comparison of noise sources (included later in this presentation)



Exempted uses

- Exempt:
 - Bells, chimes, etc as part of religious service, public holiday
 - Permitted events
 - Emergency work
 - Commercial agricultural operations



2010 General Plan Standards

Community Noise Exposure Ldn or CNEL, dB

INTERPRETATION:

Land Use Category	55	60	65	70	75	80
Residential – Low Density Single Family, Duplex, Mobile Homes	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable
Residential – Multi-Family	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Transient Lodging – Motels, Hotels	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Schools, Libraries, Churches, Hospitals, Nursing Homes	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Auditoriums, Concert Halls, Amphitheaters	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Sports Arena, Outdoor Spectator Sports	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Playgrounds, Neighborhood Parks	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Golf Courses, Riding Stables, Water Recreation, Cemeteries	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Office Buildings, Business Commercial and Professional	Normally Acceptable	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
Industrial, Manufacturing, Utilities, Agriculture	Normally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable

Normally Acceptable
Specified land use is satisfactory, based upon the assumption that any buildings involved are of normal conventional construction, without any special noise insulation requirements.

Conditionally Acceptable
New construction or development should be undertaken only after a detailed analysis of the noise reduction requirements is made and needed noise insulation features included in the design. Conventional construction, but with closed windows and fresh air supply or air conditioning will normally suffice.

Normally Unacceptable
New construction or development should generally be discouraged. If new construction or development does proceed, a detailed analysis of the noise reduction requirements must be made and needed noise insulation features included in the design.

Clearly Unacceptable
New construction or development should generally not be undertaken.



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



Recommendations

Staff recommends:

- Consider the revisions and
- Move forward to the Board of Supervisors



Comparative Noise Levels



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

