

Chapter 10.60 Noise Control

Planning Commission Workshop

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Overview – Nighttime Noise

- Review work to date
- Summary of provisions
- Technical Review (Bob Brown, Brown Buntin)
- Enforcement (Sgt. Joe Moses, Sheriff's Office)



Review of Work to Date

- April 30th Workshop Comments
 - Should apply to all noise
 - Noise should be measured at offending property
 - 55 dBA standard should be raised/lowered
 - Should address daytime noise
 - Need better comparison of noise sources
- May 14th Workshop Comments
 - Should consult with noise expert (Brown-Buntin)
 - Should confirm enforceability with Sheriff's Office (Sgt. Joe Moses)
 - Provide information on interior versus exterior noise



Summary of Provisions

- Applies to nighttime noise (10 pm to 7:00 am)
- Applies to all sources of exterior noise (w/ exceptions)
- Noise measured at offending property
- Standard for maximum noise levels is 65 dBA
- Standard for hourly equivalent (L_{eq}) is 45 dBA

- Existing provisions left unchanged (85 dBA)



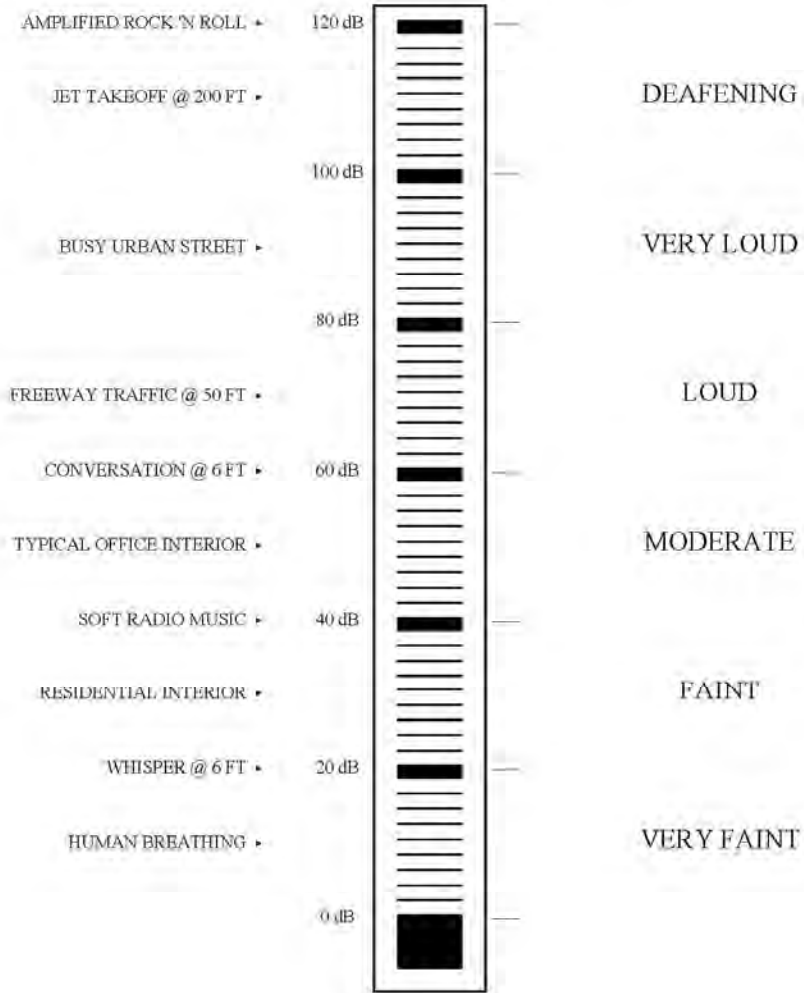
Exempted uses

- Exempt:
 - Bells, chimes, etc as part of religious service, public holiday
 - Permitted special events on commercial or institutional premises
 - Permitted commercial establishments
 - Emergency work
 - Commercial agricultural operations



APPENDIX B
EXAMPLES OF SOUND LEVELS

Comparative Sound levels



Technical Review

- Robert Brown, Brown-Buntin Associates
- Validation of proposed standards
 - Hourly Equivalent (L_{eq})
 - Maximum
- Interior versus exterior noise
- Q and A



Enforcement

- Sgt. Joe Moses, Monterey County Sheriff's Office
- Ordinance enforceability
- Noise measured at line of offending property
- Noise meter required

- Demonstration



Recommendations

Staff recommends:

- Provide direction to staff
- Take public comment
- Consideration by Board of Supervisors

