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Amendments to The Noise and Excessive Vibration Regulations

The Department of Public Health and Board of Health's Noise and Excessive Vibration Regulations, effective September 8, 1982, as subsequently amended, are hereby further amended as follows (deletions in ~~Strikethrough~~; additions in *Italicized*):

Preface

These Noise and Excessive Vibration Regulations are promulgated pursuant to ~~the~~ *Chapter 10-400 of The Philadelphia Code*, ~~Chapter 10-400~~ *entitled "Noise & and Excessive Vibration," and Section 10-406, 407 thereof, entitled "Powers and Duties of the Board of Health."*

~~These Regulations are divided into three categories, General Provisions, Specific Source Limitations and Motor Vehicles.~~

~~The General Provisions are intended to minimize noise and vibration emissions by prohibiting the emergence of sounds or vibrations from any activity or source which exceeds the maximum permissible levels established hereafter.~~

~~Sound levels of the source shall be measured at the point of complaint origin. Such complaint origination shall be a residential or commercial establishment external to the property in which the source is found. Sound and vibration levels shall be measured according to accepted test procedures selected by the Department and available to the public.~~

Noise and Excessive Vibration Regulations

Section I. Definitions

A. All Definitions provided in Section 10-402 of Chapter 10-400 of The following definitions are in Philadelphia Code (the “Noise Ordinance and Code”), apply to these Regulations.

(4) Noise-In addition to definitions provided in the Noise Code, the following definition applies to these Regulations:

- (1) Noise. The presence of a sound or sounds of such intensity, duration, frequency, or character which annoy, disturb, or cause or tend to cause adverse psychological and physiological effects on persons.

Section III. II. Specific Source Limitations

A. Ash, Trash, or Garbage Collection

Ash, trash, or garbage collection which creates noise in residential sites shall be prohibited between 9 P.M. and 7 A.M. without prior written permission of the Department. Such permission shall be considered where there is strong evidence that traffic or other ~~problems of City import~~ conditions require such ~~this~~ action.

B. Permitted Demonstrations on City Property

No demonstration for which a permit has been obtained pursuant to the Office of the Managing Director’s “Regulation Governing Permits for Demonstrations On City Property” shall create or cause, or permit the creation of, sound through the use of any amplification that exceeds:

- (1) 10 decibels above background measured at the property boundary of the nearest occupied non-residential property;*
- (2) 5 decibels above background measured at the property boundary of the nearest occupied residential property; or*
- (3) 3 decibels above background measured at the property boundary of the nearest hospital, nursing home, house of worship, courthouse, school, library, or day care facility at any time.*