

§ 648.09 NOISE REGULATION.

- A. Homeowners' Outdoor Equipment. No person shall use engine or motor-powered garden, lawn or maintenance tools intended for repetitive use in landscaping in residential areas, typically capable of being used by homeowners, including garden tools, riding tractors, walking tractors and power mowers, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. of any day and 8:00 a.m. of the following day.
- B. Construction at Night. No person shall operate any construction equipment or any other engine or motor-powered equipment, and no person shall erect, construct, demolish, excavate, alter or repair any building or structure, between 7:00 p.m. of any day and 7:00 a.m. of the following day, or on Sundays or legal holidays.
- C. Mufflers on Gas and Diesel Engines. No person, being an owner, agent or employee, operator or person in charge, shall use or operate any gas, gasoline or diesel engine on public or private property unless such engine is equipped with a proper operating muffler.
- D. Unnecessary Noise. The following acts are hereby declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises and are hereby prohibited:
 - 1. Vehicles. The use of a vehicle so out of repair as to create loud and unnecessary noise;
 - 2. Signal Devices. The sounding of a horn or signal device on a vehicle that creates an unreasonably loud or harsh sound, or the sounding of any such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time, except as a danger signal; and
 - 3. Tires. The operation of a vehicle in a manner causing an unreasonably loud, unusual or excessive noise to be created by contact of a tire of the vehicle upon the surface upon which the vehicle is operated by rapid acceleration, turning, backing, starting or stopping.
- E. Exceptions. The following uses and activities are exempt from noise level regulations:
 - 1. Noises of safety signals, warning devices and emergency pressure relief valves;
 - 2. Noises resulting from an authorized emergency or public safety vehicle when responding to an emergency call or acting in time of emergency;
 - 3. Noises resulting from emergency work;
 - 4. Noises resulting from authorized public activities approved by Council; and
 - 5. Noises resulting from the use of snow removal equipment.
- F. Logging Operations. No person shall conduct logging operations between 7:00 p.m. of any day and 7:00 a.m. of the following day, or on Sundays or legal holidays.

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