

NOISE

Long Beach Noise Compatibility Ordinance, adopted in 1995, ensures Long Beach is one of the strictest noise-controlled airports in the United States.

- Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) Chapter 16.43, commonly referenced as the LGB Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance, reflects consensus, derived through an extensive litigation history, between the City of Long Beach, FAA, communities and various aviation stakeholders on the nature and extent of aircraft operations and noise occurring at Long Beach Airport.
- The Ordinance is grandfathered under the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990, and for over 20 years has balanced the development of facilities and the growth of operational capacity with the legitimate environmental concerns of the surrounding communities.
- Forty-one commercial flights per day is the minimum allowed under the Noise Ordinance.
- The maximum number of commercial flights is determined by measured noise levels. We encourage the airlines to operate as quietly as possible by permitting increases in the number of air carrier flights if, as a group, the air carriers are below the noise budget.
- The noise budget was established based on noise data from the baseline year of 1989-1990.
- Additional flights can only be added if it is determined that the additional flights will not exceed the air carrier Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) budget limits.
- In December 2015, based on an analysis of measured noise level data from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, it was determined that an additional nine Supplemental Air Carrier flight slots must be allocated to comply with the requirements set forth in the Noise Ordinance; however, noise levels will still be maintained at the baseline 1989-90 levels.
- Fifty commercial flights per day are currently allowed at the Airport.
- The Airport has a state-of-the-art system to monitor aircraft operations and noise levels to enforce the Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance. The Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS) is a key tool used by the Airport to protect our communities.
- There are 18 noise monitors located throughout the City. These monitors operate 24/7.
- The Airport has a budget of nearly half a million dollars a year devoted to monitoring and reporting aircraft noise.
- It is the goal of the City, pursuant to the Ordinance, that no communities are exposed to a CNEL of 65 dBA or greater, consistent with State regulations and Federal guidelines.
- Noise of military and public aircraft is excluded.
- Long Beach Airport is open 24 hours, but within those 24 hours, there are different Single Event Noise Exposure Level (SENEL) limits.
- If the airlines operate after 11 pm, they receive a monetary fine.
- Our noise complaint hotline is (562) 570-2665.

