

## Proposed Noise Ordinance Redline

October 20, 2022

**8.80.160 Exterior noise limits—Correction for character of sound.**

In the event that alleged offensive noise contains a steady audible tone such as a whine, screech, or hum, or is a repetitive noise such as hammering or riveting or contains music or speech conveying informational content, the standard limits set forth in Table A shall be reduced by five (5) decibels.

**Table A**  
**EXTERIOR NOISE LIMITS**

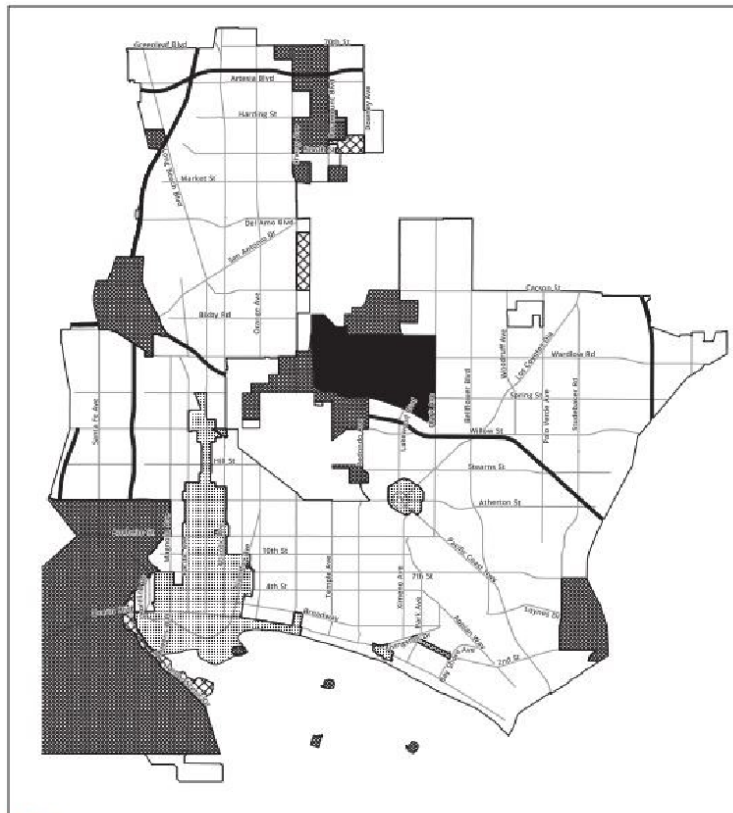
Receiving Land Use District*	Time Period	Noise Level** (dBA)
District One	Night:	
	10:00 p.m.—7:00 a.m.	45
	Day:	
	7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.	50
District Two	Night:	
	10:00 p.m.—7:00 a.m.	55
	Day:	
	7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.	60
District Three	Any time	65
District Four	Any time	70
District Five	Regulated by other agencies and laws	
*District One:	Predominantly residential with other land use types also present	
District Two:	Mixed-use or Ppredominantly commercial with other land use types also present	
Districts Three and Four:	Predominantly industrial with other land types use also present	
District Five:	Airport, freeways and waterways regulated by other agencies	

\*\* Districts Three and Four limits are intended primarily for use at their boundaries rather than for noise control within those districts.

**Table B**  
**BACKGROUND NOISE CORRECTION**

Difference between total noise and background noise alone (decibels)	Amount to be subtracted from
6—8	1
9—10	.5

*(Remove Existing Noise District Map and Insert Proposed Noise District Map below)*



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FIGURE 3-5

**Noise Districts**

- District 1 - Remainder of City
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5 - Other Agencies

Long Beach General Plan  
Noise Element  
Proposed Noise District Map

SOURCE: City of Long Beach Development Services  
INCL8590510/Proposed Noise District.cdr (3/14/2020)

**8.80.170-Interior noise limits-~~Maximum s~~Sound levels.**

- A. The interior noise standards for various land use districts as presented in Table C shall apply, unless otherwise specifically indicated, within structures located in designated zones with windows in their normal seasonal configuration.

TABLE C

Receiving Land Use District	Type of Land Use	Time Interval	Allowable Interior Noise Level (dBA)
All	Residential	10:00 p.m.—7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.	35 45
<u>All</u>	<u>Mixed-use</u>	<u>10:00 p.m. -7:00 a.m.</u> <u>7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.</u>	<u>45</u> <u>50</u>
All	School	7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. (While school is in session)	45
Hospital, designated <del>quiet zones and</del> noise sensitive zones		Any time	40

- B. No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any source of sound indoors at any location within the incorporated limits of the City or allow the creation of any indoor noise which causes the noise level when measured inside the receiving dwelling unit to exceed:
1. The noise standard for that land use district as specified in Table C for a cumulative period of more than five (5) minutes in any hour; or
  2. The noise standard plus five decibels (5 dB) for a cumulative period of more than one (1) minute in any hour; or

3. The noise standard plus ten decibels (10 dB) or the maximum measured ambient, for any period of time.
- C. If the measured indoor ambient level exceeds that permissible within any of the first two (2) noise limit categories in this Section, the allowable noise exposure standard shall be increased in five decibel (5 dB) increments in each category as appropriate to reflect the indoor ambient noise level. In the event the indoor ambient noise level exceeds the third noise limit category, the maximum allowable indoor noise level under said category shall be increased to reflect the maximum indoor ambient noise level.

#### **8.80.030 - Administration and enforcement.**

The noise control program established by this Chapter shall be administered by the noise control office as designated by the City Manager. An official within the noise control office shall be appointed as the Noise Control Officer and shall be a person with sufficient knowledge of environmental acoustics to enforce noise regulations. All departments with noise regulation responsibilities may, based on circumstance and need, carry out the duties of the Noise Control Officer to help ensure that noise complaints from the public are timely and adequately addressed. This includes but is not limited to taking noise measurements and acting as a case manager, upon receiving a noise complaint; coordinating with the Noise Control Officer and relevant departments as appropriate based on the circumstance; and conducting other actions necessary to facilitate resolution of the noise complaint. Further, the City is committed to annually reviewing the provisions of this ordinance.