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Construction Noise Regulations

Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) §8.80.202 states that no person shall operate or permit the operation of any tools or equipment used for construction, alteration, repair, remodeling, drilling, demolition or any other related building activity which produces loud or unusual noise which annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivity between the hours and days listed below:

- Weekdays & Federal holidays: Before 7:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m.
- Saturdays*: Before 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.
- Sundays*: Prohibited

*Exception for emergency work authorized by the Building Official.

In addition, LBMC §8.80.130 states that it is unlawful for any person to willfully make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, a loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or which causes any discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area.

Any person who wants to do construction work on a Sunday must apply for a work permit from the Noise Control Officer. The Noise Control Officer may issue a Sunday work permit if there is good cause shown. In issuing such a permit, consideration will be given to the nature of the work and its proximity to residential areas. The permit may allow work on Sundays between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the specific dates designated by the Noise Control Officer. For additional information, contact the Health Department's Noise Control Officer at (562) 570-4126.

It is unlawful for the landowner, construction company owner, contractor, subcontractor or employer of persons working, laboring, building or assisting in construction to permit construction activities in violation of LBMC §8.80.202.

Any person who violates any provision of LBMC §8.80.202 is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be assessed a fine in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or be imprisoned for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days (180), or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

Any person may file a noise complaint and the provisions of LBMC §8.80.202 may be enforced by a Long Beach Police Officer. More information can be obtained by calling (562) 570-4126 or by visiting the Department of Health and Human Services website at www.longbeach.gov/health/eh/noise.asp, or visiting the Environmental Health Bureau, located at 2525 Grand Avenue, Room #220, Long Beach, CA 90815.