

ORDINANCE No.

Revise Noise Regulations for pile driving (Ordinance; amend Code Title 18)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The City of Portland is becoming a more densely inhabited city and larger developments in the City are being built in close proximity to many residential neighbors. Pile drivers operated in the City are one of the loudest pieces of construction equipment and single projects have the ability to impact large numbers of neighbors.
2. The Noise Review Board and City Council have heard from concerned citizens that pile driving regulations should be reviewed to better meet the changing needs of a growing, denser city. The Noise Review Board responded by taking testimony from stakeholders in the community including residential neighbors and parties in the development industry at multiple public hearings. The Board also reviewed the best practices of other cities to see what lessons might be incorporated into Title 18.
3. City Code should be amended to limit the start time for pile driving to establish a later start time at 8 AM, and by placing a limit on pile driving on Saturdays in excess of existing land use zone based decibel levels found in Title 18.10.010. This will limit all but the quietest forms of driving piles on Saturdays.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. City Code Section 18.10.060 Construction Activities and Equipment is amended by adding Subsection F. as follows:

F. Pile Drivers:

1. Notwithstanding Subsection B above, the permissible sound levels of Section 18.10.010 shall apply to pile drivers from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. the following morning, and 6 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. the following Monday, and on legal holidays.
2. The owner of a site on which pile driving will occur shall cause a notice to be mailed to all residences within 500 feet of the site. Mailing will occur no fewer than 30 days prior to the commencement of pile driving. The

notice shall list the expected starting and ending dates for pile driving and give a telephone number for further information.

Passed by the Council:

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