



**NOISE TASK FORCE
AGENDA**

Thursday, October 8, 2015

3:30 – 5:30 pm

Pettygrove Room, Portland City Hall

1221 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204

Schedule	Topic	Lead/Presenter	Notes/Outcomes
3:30 p.m.	Introductions, minutes and schedule of upcoming meetings	Claire Adamsick, Office of Commissioner Fritz	Discuss adding meeting on 10/29 or 11/5; delay Council presentation to December
3:40 p.m.	Variance, Appeals, Notification: initial recommendations and next steps	Task Force members	Vote on initial recommendations related to variance process as per discussion on 10/1/15; identify areas needing attention at future meeting
4:00 p.m.	Pile Driving Discussion	City Staff and Task Force members	See discussion outline below
4:45 p.m.	Public comment	Members of the public present	
5:00 p.m.	Continued discussion and preliminary recommendations	Task Force members	Outline initial recommendations and identify key questions still unanswered
5:25 p.m.	Next steps/Wrap-up	Claire Adamsick and Task Force members	
5:30 p.m.	Adjourn		

Pile Driving: Discussion Introduction

Context: In response to community input, including organized testimony from Pearl residents on May 14, 2014, about the negative human health impacts of pile driver noise, the Noise Review Board spent several months examining pile driving. The Board's work included discussions with developers, geotechnical engineers, construction contractors, pile driving contractors, construction workers, affected residents and enforcement bodies in other cities. City Council supported the Noise Review Board and staff's proposal to amend the Noise Code to limit hours and operations of Pile Driving to between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, with a prohibition on operation on weekends. The Code now requires additional notification by pile driving site owners which entails a mailed notice to all residents within 500 feet of the site and within 30 days prior to the start of pile driving operations. The notice must list the expected start and end dates for pile driving and offer a telephone contact number for more information.

Central Issues: Within the scope of the City's Noise Code, Title 18, Commissioner Fritz has asked the Noise Task Force to address:

- The perceived need for more clearly-defined standards around the allowed decibel level, duration and (if measurable) vibrations generated by equipment that is currently exempt in the Noise Code (18.10.060 A)
- The possibility of a "high impact" construction variance applications directly through the City's Code Hearings Officer
- Potential development of a "Noise Impact" fee for approved variances that would be paid to a mitigation fund to provide enforcement staff and grants for neighbors needing assistance?

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Location	Agenda
Wednesday, October 14	6-8 p.m.	Lovejoy Room, City Hall	Presentation of preliminary findings to Noise Review Board
Thursday, October 15	8-9:30 a.m.	Bureau of Development Services, Conference Room 2500 A	Presentation of preliminary findings to Development Review Advisory Committee (DRAC)
Thursday, October 22	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Pettygrove Room, City Hall	Develop final recommendations incorporating community and city input
Thursday, November 12	2:00 p.m. (Time Certain)	Council Chambers City Hall	Presentation of Task Force recommendations to City Hall.

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