

# Construction Amendment to the Noise Ordinance

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# Current Ordinance

- Noise above 55dB is not permitted between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am
- Several exemptions, including
  - School-sponsored activities on school grounds
  - Officially sanctioned activities in city parks
  - Bells and carillons
  - Public and private transportation, refuse collection and sanitation services
  - Anything permitted by a special permit issued by the city
  - **Construction on real property and road construction/maintenance**

# Similar Localities

Locality	Daytime Hours	Nighttime Hours	Hours Exempt from Normal Rules	Parameters
Charlottesville	6:00am - 10:00pm	10:00pm - 6:00am	None	Day noise maximum = 65dB
Winchester	6:00am - 10:00pm	10:00pm - 6:00am	None	Night noise maximum = 60dB at property line
Richmond	No specific noise ordinance			
Lynchburg	7:00am - 10:00pm	10:00pm - 7:00am	7:00am - 9:00pm	Day noise maximum = 57dB, Night noise maximum = 52dB
Roanoke	8:00am - 10:00pm	10:00pm - 8:00am	None	Heard within 50 ft. of the boundary line of the noise source
Harrisonburg	7:00am - 10:00pm	10:00pm - 7:00am	All Hours	Day noise maximum = 65dB, Night noise maximum = 55dB

# Proposed Changes

- Adding an additional line to the ordinance that stipulates the exemption for construction on real property only applies between the hour of 7:00am and 10:00pm, which is the time-frame defined as “daytime” by the ordinance.

Questions?