



9.30.020 - Exemptions.

A. Highway, bridge, road, street, dredging in navigable waters, or other public works construction activities, utility work such as water, sewer, gas, electrical, cable, telecom, fiber optic or telephone construction activities and any vehicles used to transport materials to and from such construction activities, so long as the vehicles remain within the highway, road, street or construction right-of-way or easement;

B. Emergency work;

C. Transporting and unloading of construction materials, other than blast materials, between five a.m. and seven a.m.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This ordinance, as substituted, amends Chapter 9.30 of the Metro Code to restrict construction noise in residential areas. Currently, Section 9.30.010 of the Metro Code prohibits noise related to construction located within or adjoining a residential zone district between the hours of 9:00pm and 6:00am. Such noise cannot measure in excess of 70 decibels. This ordinance would limit construction noise between 8:00pm and 6:00am during the months of July, July, and August and between 7:00pm and 7:00am during the rest of the year.

The ordinance also modifies the exemptions to the construction noise provision to add “cable, telecom, fiber optic” to the list of utility work that is exempted from this provision.