

Sec. 11-40. Exceptions.

The following are exempt from the provisions of this article:

- (a) Sound emanating from regularly scheduled outdoor athletic events on the campus of the University of North Carolina, or on the grounds of local schools, or parks.
- (b) Construction operations from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekends for which building permits have been issued, or construction operations not requiring permits due to ownership of the project by an agency of government; providing all equipment is operated in accord with the manufacturer's specifications, and with all standard equipment, and with manufacturer's mufflers and noise-reducing equipment in use, and in proper operating condition.
- (c) Noises of safety signals, warning devices, emergency pressure relief valves, all church bells and the bells of the Bell Tower and the bell on South Building on the University of North Carolina campus.
- (d) Noises resulting from any authorized emergency vehicle when responding to any emergency call or acting in time of emergency.
- (e) Sound at street fairs conducted by or for the Town of Chapel Hill.
- (f) An official all-campus University of North Carolina event, held on the University Campus, no more than one (1) weekend in duration, occurring no more often than twice per year.
- (g) All noises coming from the normal operations of properly equipped aircraft (not including scale model aircraft).
- (h) All noises coming from normal operation of motor vehicles properly equipped with the manufacturer's standard mufflers and noise-reducing equipment, including noises coming from compression release engine or transmission braking systems when used in emergency circumstances.
- (i) Noise from lawful fireworks and noisemakers on holidays and at religious ceremonies.
- (j) Lawn mowers, agricultural equipment, and landscape maintenance equipment used between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. weekdays and 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekends; providing all equipment is operated in accord with the manufacturer's standard mufflers and noise-reducing equipment in use; and is in proper operating condition. When practical, such equipment shall be located so as

to minimize the noise impact on surrounding residences.

- (k) Musical accompaniment or firearm discharge related to military ceremonies.
- (l) Emergency work necessary to maintain public safety, or to restore property to a safe condition following an accident or natural disaster, or to restore public utilities and infrastructure following an accident or natural disaster, or to protect persons or property from an imminent danger.
- (m) Noises resulting from the provision of government services necessary to maintain the public infrastructure.
- (n) Noises resulting from work performed by non-government agencies, provided that such work is necessary to maintain the public infrastructure, and that a permit for the work has been issued by the town.
- (o) Noises resulting from the provision of sanitation and recycling services between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. in accordance with a permit issued by the manager.
- (p) Any other noise resulting from activities for which a permit allowing exemption from this article has been granted by the town. Regulation of noises emanating from operations under such permit shall be according to the conditions and limits stated on the permit.

(Ord. No. 2001-09-24/O-8, § 1; Ord. No. 2004-10-27/O-3, § 2)