

CITY	CONTACT	NOTES
Houston	<p>Houston Permit Center, (832) 394-9000</p> <p>Houston Administration & Regulatory Affairs (832) 394-8801</p>	<p>Section 13-16(5) establishes an affirmative defense for: “the erection, excavation, construction, or demolition of any building or structure, including the use of any necessary tools or equipment, conducted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., which activity did not produce a sound exceeding 85 dB(A) when measured from the property line of the residential property where the sound is being received. “</p> <p>Staff at the City of Houston was unaware of any provision for after-hours construction/concrete installation noise.</p>
Dallas	Public Works Dept. (214) 670-5111	<p>Section 30-2(8) “The following loud and disturbing noises and vibrations are presumed to be offensive to the ordinary sensibilities of the inhabitants of the city:... Any construction activity related to the erection, excavation, demolition, alteration, or repair of any building on or adjacent to a residential use, as defined in the Dallas Development Code, other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and legal holidays, except that the director of public works may issue a written permit to exceed these hours in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public safety or for other reasons determined by the director of public works to be necessary for the public health, safety, or welfare. For purposes of this paragraph, "legal holidays" include New Year's Day (January 1), Memorial Day (observed date), Fourth of July (July 4), Labor Day (observed date), Thanksgiving Day (observed date), and Christmas Day (December 25).”</p> <p>Per Melany Martinez: A request is emailed or mailed to the Public Works Dept. The director will send a staff member to the field to evaluate the request (considering traffic concerns, public safety issues, etc...) and requires the requestor to notify properties within 300ft of the construction site at least 48 hours prior to the after-hours work. Authorization will be revoked based on complaints, but this is done on a case by case basis (usually a high volume of complaints, etc...) unless there is an urgent need or public benefit to the work. There is no fee for the waiver. Waivers are usually granted for a week or two at a time, but will be renewed if there are no major issues.</p>

San Antonio	210.207.6000	<p>Section 21-52 (a)(6): The erection, including construction, excavation, demolition, alteration, or repair work, or the permitting or causing thereof, of any building or other structure, or the operation or the permitting or causing the operation of any tools or equipment used in construction, excavation, drilling, demolition, alteration or repair work: a.) Other than during the daytime on week days; or b.) At anytime such that the sound level at or across a real property boundary exceeds 80dBA. c.)This section shall not apply in cases of urgent necessity in the interest of public safety, or in cases of public convenience, including city sponsored or co-sponsored fiestas, parades, and public events.</p> <p>Staff at the City of San Antonio was unaware of any provision for after-hours construction/concrete installation noise</p>
Fort Worth	Planning & Development, 817-392-2222	<p>Section 23-8(d)(2)(c):Construction work. Noise created by construction work within three hundred (300) feet of an occupied residential structure involving the erection, excavation, demolition, alteration, or repair of any building, structure, or flatwork is prohibited as follows:</p> <p>Before 7:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. Monday—Friday. Before 9:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. Saturday—Sunday</p> <p>Staff at the City of Fort Worth was unaware of any provision for after-hours construction/concrete installation noise</p>
Chicago		<p>(a) No person shall use or cause the use of any mechanical equipment or tool operated by fuel or electric power in building, construction, repair or demolition operations between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. within 600 feet of any residential building or hospital.</p> <p>(b) The limitation of this section does not apply to any construction, demolition or repair work of an emergency nature or to work on public improvements authorized by a governmental body or agency.</p> <p>(c) This section may be enforced by designated employees of the departments of police, buildings, business affairs and consumer protection, fire, finance, streets and sanitation, transportation and planning and development, who are authorized to issue citations for violations.</p> <p>Staff at the City of Chicago was unaware of any provision for after-hours construction/concrete installation</p>

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Los Angeles*	LAPD Noise Enforcement Team (213) 996-1250	<p>Section 41.40 (a) No person shall, between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. of the following day, perform any construction or repair work of any kind upon, or any excavating for, any building or structure, where any of the foregoing entails the use of any power driven drill, riveting machine excavator or any other machine, tool, device or equipment which makes loud noises to the disturbance of persons occupying sleeping quarters in any dwelling hotel or apartment or other place of residence. In addition, the operation, repair or servicing of construction equipment and the job-site delivering of construction materials in such areas shall be prohibited during the hours herein specified. Any person who knowingly and wilfully violates the foregoing provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as elsewhere provided in this Code. (Amended by Ord. No. 158,587, Eff. 1/29/84.)</p> <p>(b) The provisions of Subsection (a) shall not apply to any person who performs the construction, repair or excavation work involved pursuant to the express written permission of the Board of Police Commissioners through its Executive Director. The Executive Director, on behalf of the Board, may grant this permission, upon application in writing, where the work proposed to be done is in the public interest, or where hardship or injustice, or unreasonable delay would result from its interruption during the hours mentioned above, or where the building or structure involved is devoted or intended to be devoted to a use immediately related to public defense. The provisions of this section shall not in any event apply to construction, repair or excavation work done within any district zoned for manufacturing or industrial uses under the provisions of Chapter I of this Code, nor to emergency work necessitated by any flood, fire or other catastrophe. (Amended by Ord. No. 178,160, Eff. 2/12/07.)</p> <p>Spoke to LAPD Officer Hernandez: A variance may be obtained from LAMC. Application is submitted along with fee of \$248 to LAPD Executive Office. If the area request is in commercial area, request is automatically granted. If site is within 500ft of a residence, hospital, church or hotel, LAPD Officer will do on the ground investigation and interview neighboring residences, etc... If a majority of residences approve, permit is granted. Permit is rescinded to there are too many complaints or if company misrepresents type of work undertaken. Permits last 3-4 months with 3-4 month extensions if there are no issues. No permit required for emergency repairs.</p>

Boston*	Inspectional Services Department 617.635.5300	<p>Section 16-26.4: No erection, demolition, alteration, or repair of any building and excavation in regard thereto, except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., on weekdays or except in the interest of public safety or welfare, upon the issuance of and pursuant to a permit from the Commissioner, Inspectional Services Department, which permit may be renewed for one or more periods of not exceeding one week each.</p> <p>Spoke to Ann Horgan: Permits may be issued for up to a week for any type of construction work after hours permitted by code. Permits are issued if requested (except in politically sensitive parts of town where requests are approved by the Building Official first.) If justified complaints are received in either case, no further permits will be issued. Applicants submit application and pay \$100 fee. Permit can be renewed every week. A list of approved projects is posted online and sent to mayor's office, etc...</p>
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