

Effective Date: March 18, 2017

1/17/2017

**6-O-17**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Amending Various Sections of the City Code Reducing the  
Permissible Sound Levels for Mechanical Equipment and Application  
From 65 dB to 55 dB**

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT:

**SECTION 1:** Section 4-7-2 of the Mechanical Code, "Amendments," is  
hereby further amended to remove the following:

**501.3.1.1: Exhaust Discharge:** Exhaust air shall not be directed onto walkways. High efficiency appliances shall discharge in accordance to manufacturers guidelines but shall not discharge closer than ten feet (10', 3.048 m) from adjacent buildings located on or off the same parcel along with the following stipulation: High efficiency appliance shall be limited to not exceed sixty-five decibels (65 dB) at the property line between the said adjacent structures if a property line separates the parcels.

**SECTION 2:** Section 4-7-2 of the Mechanical Code, "Amendments," is  
hereby further amended to include the following:

**Section 313  
Noise Limitations**

**313.1 Noise Limitations:** Noise levels for equipment and appliances shall not exceed 55 dBA SPL (Decibels, A-weighted, Sound Pressure Level) as averaged over any 15 minute period, and as measured at the property line between the said adjacent structures if a property line separates the parcels.

**501.3.1.1 Exhaust Discharge:** Exhaust air shall not be directed onto sidewalks. Equipment and appliances shall discharge according to manufacturer's guidelines but shall not discharge closer than ten feet (10', 3.048m) from adjacent buildings located on or off the same parcel.

**SECTION 3:** Section 4-9-2 of the Residential Code, "Amendments," is  
hereby further amended to include the following:

**4-9-2. - AMENDMENTS.**

**Section M1309  
Noise Limitations**

**M1309.1 Noise Limitations:** Noise levels for equipment and appliances shall not exceed 55 dBA SPL (Decibels, A-weighted, Sound Pressure Level) as averaged over any 15 minute period, and as measured at the property line between the said adjacent structures if a property line separates the parcels.

**SECTION 4:** Section 4-17-2 of the Fuel Gas Code, "Amendments," is hereby further amended to include the following:

**4-17-2. - AMENDMENTS.**

**Section 311  
Noise Limitations**

**311 Noise Limitations:** Noise levels for equipment and appliances shall not exceed 55 dBA SPL (Decibels, A-weighted, Sound Pressure Level) as averaged over any 15 minute period, and as measured at the property line between the said adjacent structures if a property line separates the parcels.

**503.3.4.1 Exhaust discharge:** Exhaust air shall not be directed onto sidewalks. Equipment and appliances shall discharge according to manufacturer's guidelines but shall not discharge closer than ten feet (10', 3.048m) from adjacent buildings located on or off the same parcel.

**SECTION 5:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6:** If any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this ordinance is severable.

**SECTION 7:** The findings and recitals herein are declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the City and shall be received in evidence as provided by the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the courts of the State of Illinois.

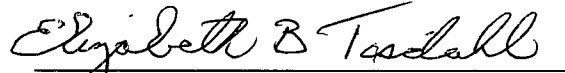
**SECTION 8:** That this Ordinance 6-O-17 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: February 13, 2017

Approved:


Adopted: February 27, 2017

March 8, 2017

  
Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

  
Rodney Greene, City Clerk

  
W. Grant Farrar, Corporation Counsel