



## California State Government Code Section 65302

*Mandates that noise elements be included as a part of city general plans and that cities adopt comprehensive noise ordinances.*

**California Noise Control Act**  
**California Health and Safety Code**  
**Sections 46000 - 46080**  
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**4600.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

- (a) Excessive noise is a serious hazard to the public health and welfare.
- (b) Exposure to certain levels of noise can result in physiological, psychological, and economic damage.
- (c) There is a continuous and increasing bombardment of noise in the urban, suburban, and rural areas.
- (d) Government has not taken the steps necessary to provide for the control, abatement, and prevention of unwanted and hazardous noise.
- (e) The State of California has a responsibility to protect the health and welfare of its citizens by the control, prevention, and abatement of noise.
- (f) All Californians are entitled to a peaceful and quiet environment without the intrusion of noise which may be hazardous to their health or welfare.**
- (g) It is the policy of the state to provide an environment for all Californians free from noise that jeopardizes their health or welfare. To that end it is the purpose of this division to establish a means for effective coordination of state activities in noise control and to take such action as will be necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.

**46022.** "Noise" means and includes excessive undesirable sound, including that produced by **persons**, pets and livestock, industrial equipment, construction, motor vehicles, boats, aircraft, home appliances, electric motors, combustion engines, and any other noise-producing objects.

**46001.** No provision of this division or ruling of the Office of Noise Control is a limitation or expansion:

- (a) On the power of a city, county, or city and county to adopt and enforce additional regulations, not in conflict therewith, imposing further conditions, restrictions, or limitations.
- (b) On the power of any city, county, or city and county to declare, prohibit, and abate nuisances.
- (c) On the power of the Attorney General, at the request of the office, the state department, or upon his own motion to bring an action in the name of the people of the State of California to enjoin any pollution or nuisance or to protect the natural resources of the state.
- (d) On the power of a state agency in the enforcement or administration of any provision of law which it is specifically permitted or required to enforce or administer.
- (e) On the right of any person to maintain at any time any appropriate action for relief against any private nuisance as defined in the Civil Code or for relief against any noise pollution.**

**46060.** It is the purpose of this chapter to encourage the **enactment and enforcement of local ordinances in those areas which are most properly the responsibility of local government.** It is further the purpose to insure that the state is of maximum assistance to local agencies in the discharge of those responsibilities,

furnishing technical and legal expertise to assist local agencies in the enactment and enforcement of meaningful and technically sufficient noise abatement measures.

**44507. "Pollution"** means an alteration of the quality of the environment of the state and shall be determined by the various standards prescribed from time to time by this state, the federal government, or any agency, department, or political subdivision of this state or the federal government, and may include, but is not limited to, earth, air, or water pollution, pollution caused by solid or hazardous waste disposal, thermal pollution, radiation contamination, the release of hazardous materials, **or noise pollution.** Pollution also includes, but is not limited to, the contamination of soil or groundwater resulting from the release of hazardous materials, as defined in Section 25260, or the presence of asbestos or lead paint, at sites with a reasonable potential for economically beneficial reuse.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE  
SECTION 46060-46062**

Office of Noise Control

**46062.** The office shall provide assistance to local agencies in the preparation of model ordinances to control and abate noise. Such ordinances shall be developed in consultation with the Attorney General and with representatives of local agencies, including the County Supervisors Association of California and the League of California Cities. Any local agency which adopts any noise control ordinance shall promptly furnish a copy to the office.

**California Land Use Compatibility Noise Guidelines**

LAND USE CATEGORY -- Residential - Low Density, Single-Family, Duplex , Mobile Homes

Normally Acceptable	Conditionally Acceptable	Normally Unacceptable	Clearly Unacceptable
50-60 dBA	55-70 dBA	70-75 dBA	75-85 dBA

Source: *California Land Use Compatibility Noise Guidelines - Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL \*)*

**Glendora Single-Family Residential - Noise Regulations**

7:00 am 7:00 pm	55 dBA
<u>7:00 pm 10:00 pm</u>	50 dBA
10:00 pm 7:00 am	45 dBA

Source: [City of Glendora Municipal Code, Chapter 9.44, Noise Regulation.](#)

[An overview on the Law of Nuisance - Glendora Code on Noise - City of Glendora Law of Nuisance Code](#)  
[Glendora Code on Zoning - Glendora Environmental Impact Report](#)

**Ambient noise:** background or existing noise level. The composite of noise from all sources near and

far in a given environment, exclusive of occasional and transient intrusive noise.

**CNEL (Community Noise Equivalent Level):** a noise measurement scale applied over a 24-hour period to all noise events received at the measurement point. It is weighted more heavily for evening and night periods in order to account for the lower tolerance of individuals to noise during those periods.

**EIR:** environmental impact report, a requirement of **CEQA**.

**EIS:** environmental impact statement, a requirement of **NEPA**.

**EPA:** federal Environmental Protection Agency.

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