

CHAPTER 13 – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFENSES

Sec. 13-97. Noise; exemptions.

The following uses and activities shall be exempt from the provisions contained in Sections 13-90 through Sections 13-94

(1) Heating and cooling equipment when it is functioning in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and is in proper operating condition.

(2) Landscape maintenance equipment when it is functioning in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and with all mufflers and noise-reducing equipment in use and in proper operating condition.

(3) Motor vehicles on streets and roadways of the City, provided that the prohibition of section 13-93(b) and section 13-95 continues to apply.

(4) Noises of safety signals, warning devices and emergency pressure relief valves;

(5) Noises resulting from any authorized emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency all or acting in time of emergency;

(6) Noises resulting from emergency work repairs of telecommunications and/or utility structures to prevent or alleviate physical trauma or property damage threatened or caused by an emergency which has or may result in a disruption of service and which is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of persons or property.

(7) Noises from the normal operation of railroad trains.

(8) Noises resulting from repairs or excavations of bridges, streets or highways by or on behalf of the City or the State or a political subdivision of the State between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., when the public welfare and convenience renders it impractical to perform the work between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., in accordance with the permits granted by the City under Chapter 23 of this code.

(9) Reasonable activities conducted on City parks and public or charter school grounds in accordance with the rules and regulations of the City, district or charter schools and conducted in accordance with the manners in which such spaces are generally used. Outdoor gatherings, public dances, shows and sporting events and other similar outdoor events, provided a permit has been obtained from the City and in accordance with the terms of the permit.

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