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Washington County Noise Ordinances

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Adams County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Adams County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	There are numerical limits for motorized vehicles, sounds production devices, and generators and engines, but not applicable in this case. 9.20.060 Exemptions. H. Sounds originating from temporary construction sites as a result of construction activities between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.
Asotin County	Code Enforcement	Numerical - WAC noise levels	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	60/50 dBA - Day/Night	Typical Nuisance Language
Benton County	Benton County Code	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	6A.15.050 Exemptions. (k) sounds created by construction or refuse removal equipment
Chelan County	A Codification of the Resolutions of Chelan County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	There are numerical limits for vehicles, but not applicable in this case. 7.35.040 Exceptions. (3) Sounds from construction activity during the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and any activity necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare. (4) Sounds created in conjunction with public work projects or public work maintenance operations executed at the cost of federal, state or local governments.
Clallam County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Clallam County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	Typical Nuisance Language
Clark County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Clark County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	Typical Nuisance Language
Columbia County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Cowlitz County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Cowlitz County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	10.25.050 Exemptions.11. Sounds created by construction , other than public works projects, between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

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Douglas County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Douglas County, Washington	Numerical - WAC noise levels	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	60/50 dBA - Day/Night	8.04.120 Nighttime exemptions. A. Noise from electrical substations and existing, stationary equipment used in the conveyance of water by a utility.8.04.130 Nonresidential exemptions.D. Any vehicle operating for the purpose of public road building or maintenance, or for on-site construction of structures between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.
Ferry County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Franklin County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Franklin County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	Typical Nuisance Language
Garfield County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Grant County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Grant County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	Exemption: (12)Sounds created by stationary equipment used in the conveyance of water by utilities and noise created by electrical substations ; (25)Sounds created by the installation or repair of essential utility services ; and Exemptions Daytime: (1)Sounds emanating from temporary construction sites ;
Grays Harbor County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of the County of Grays Harbor, Washington	Numerical - WAC noise levels	55/45 dBA - Day/Night			Maximum permissible noise levels shall be established as set forth in Chapter 173-60 WAC. Loud or boisterous noises shall be defined as those exceeding the noise limitations set forth in WAC 173-60-040.
Island County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Island County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	9.60.030 - Public disturbance noises.B. Exemption. 6.Sounds originating between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. from temporary construction sites as a result of construction activity;
Jefferson County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Jefferson County, Washington	Numerical - WAC noise levels	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	60/50 dBA - Day/Night	8.70.060 Exempt noises.(9) Electrical substations and stationary equipment used in the conveyance of water and wastewater by any utility;

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King County	King County Code	Numerical	49/39 dBA - Day/Night for Rural 52/42 dBA - Day/Night for Residential	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	12.86.120.A. Between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. during weekdays, and between 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends, the levels established by K.C.C. 12.86.110 are reduced by 10 dB(A) where the receiving property lies within a rural or residential district of King County. The following sounds are exempt from this subsection: 2. Sounds created by electrical substations ;12.86.520 Exemptions – construction sounds – exceptions . A. Normal and usual sounds created by construction, including on or by watercraft, are restricted to the following hours unless otherwise specified by the director, and are exempt from this chapter except as provided in subsection C. of this section: 1. For heavy equipment used on construction sites, including crawlers, tractors, bulldozers, rotary drills and augers, loaders, power shovels, cranes, derricks, graders, off-highway trucks, ditchers, trenchers, compactors, compressors and other similar equipment, operating hours are between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. weekdays and between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. weekends; 2. For impact types of construction equipment, including pavement breakers, pile drivers, jackhammers, sandblasting tools or other types of equipment or devices that create impulse noise or impact noise, operating hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekends; and 3. For all other construction activities, operating hours are between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekends.
Kitsap County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Kitsap County, Washington	Numerical - WAC noise levels	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	60/50 dBA - Day/Night	10.28.060 Exemptions from Sections 10.28.040(b) and 10.28.145.(1) Noise from electrical substations and existing stationary equipment used in the conveyance of water by a utility; 10.28.070 Exemptions from Section 10.28.040 relating to noise reception in Class A EDNAs and from Section 10.28.145.(1) Sounds originating from temporary construction sites as a result of construction activity ;
Kittitas County	Kittitas County Code	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	Typical Nuisance Language
Klickitat County	A Codification of the General Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders of Klickitat County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	9.15.020 - Exemptions.B.3. Noise emanating from temporary construction sites except between the hours of ten p.m. and seven a.m.; provided, however, noise emanating from temporary construction sites is exempt or partially exempt from the provisions of this chapter except between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. on weekdays and 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and state recognized holidays if the receiving property is located within;

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Lewis County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Lewis County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	1.23.030 Public disturbance - Noises.(2) (h) Sounds originating between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. from temporary construction sites as a result of construction activity;(r) Sounds created in conjunction with public works projects or public works maintenance operations executed at the cost of the federal government, state or municipality;
Lincoln County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Mason County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Mason County, Washington	Numerical - WAC noise levels	55 dBA	57 dBA	60 dBA	9.36.080 - Daytime exemption.(4) Sounds created by the installation or repair of essential utility services ; 9.36.090 - Daytime residential exemption.(1) Sounds originating from temporary construction sites as a result of construction activity ;
Okanogan County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Okanogan County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	Typical Nuisance Language
Pacific County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Pend Oreille County	An ordinance of Pend Oreille County, Washington, defining public disturbance noise, prohibiting public disturbance noise, providing exemptions from the public disturbance noise ordinance and providing criminal sanctions for violation of the public disturbance noise ordinance.	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	Ordinance No. 2005-2, Exemption (A) (13) Sounds created in conjunction with public works projects or public works maintenance operations executed at the cost of the federal government, state or municipality; (C) (1) Sounds originating from temporary construction sites as a result of construction activity.
Pierce County	Pierce County Code	Numerical - WAC noise levels	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	60/50 dBA - Day/Night	8.76.070 Exemptions.A. 5. Sounds created by the installation or repair of essential utility services . B.1. Sounds from electrical substations and existing stationary equipment used in the conveyance of water or wastewater by a utility; C. 1. Sounds originating from temporary construction sites as a result of construction activity ;

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San Juan County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of San Juan County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	Typical Nuisance Language
Skagit County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Skagit County, Washington	Numerical - WAC noise levels	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	60/50 dBA - Day/Night	9.50.040 Public disturbance noises.(3) Exemption. (g) Sounds created by the installation or repair of essential utility services .(p) Operation of existing electrical substations and stationary equipment used to convey water, wastewater or natural gas by a utility.
Skamania County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Skamania County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	8.22.060 Daytime exemptions.C. Sounds created by the installation or repair of essential utility services ; 8.22.070 Nonresidential exemptions.D. Any vehicle operating for the purpose of public road building or maintenance, or for on-site construction of structures between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.
Snohomish County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Snohomish County, Washington	Numerical	49/39 dBA - Day/Night for Rural 52/42 dBA - Day/Night for Residential	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	10.01.050 Exemptions.(2) Sounds Exempt During Daytime Hours.(a) Sounds created by construction equipment , including special construction vehicles, at temporary construction sites; (d) Sounds created by the installation or repair of essential utility services . (3) Exemptions from General Nighttime Reduction Provision. (a) Sounds originating from electrical substations and transmission lines. (4) Exemptions from the Reduction for Periodic, Pure Tone and Impulsive Sound.(a) Sounds created by electrical substations and transmission lines.
Spokane County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Spokane County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	6.12.020 - Exemptions.(a) (14) Sounds created in conjunction with public work projects or public work maintenance operations executed at the cost of the federal government, state or municipality; (b)(5) Sounds created by the installation or repair of essential utility services ; (C)(1) Sounds originating from temporary construction sites as a result of construction activity ;
Stevens County	Stevens County Code Title 3 Unified Development Regulations	Numerical - WAC noise levels	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	60/50 dBA - Day/Night	Noise only mentioned under Stevens County Code Title 3 Unified Development Regulations, no full version of Stevens County Code is found

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Thurston County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Thurston County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	There are numerical limits for motorized vehicle, sounds production devices, and generator and engines, but not applicable in this case. 10.36.040 - Exemptions.H. Sounds originating from temporary construction sites as a result of construction activities between the hours of seven a.m. and ten p.m.; K.Sounds created by the installation or repair of essential utility services ;
Wahkiakum County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Walla Walla County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Walla Walla County, Washington	Numerical	49/39 dBA - Day/Night for Rural 52/42 dBA - Day/Night for Residential	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	The maximum permissible sound levels can be different based on if the sound sources located within or outside the county. 9.20.070 - Sounds exempt during daytime hours.E. Sounds created by construction equipment , including special construction vehicles, and emanating from temporary construction sites, if the receiving property is located in a residential district of the city; F.Sounds created by the installation or repair of essential utility services ;
Whatcom County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Whatcom County, Washington	Numerical - WAC noise levels	55/45 dBA - Day/Night	57/47 dBA - Day/Night	60/50 dBA - Day/Night	Nuisance Language is under Title 20 Zoning code, Chapter 20.80 Supplementary Requirements, 20.80.620 Noise.
Whitman County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Yakima County	A Codification of the General Ordinances of Yakima County, Washington	Nuisance	NA	NA	NA	6.28.040 Exemptions. (12) Sounds created by construction or refuse removal equipment;