The City of Alexandria’s Noise Control Program consists of the following:

• Issuance of Noise Variance Permits for construction related activities and the use of music and sound amplification equipment.

• Incorporation of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recommended guidelines in the construction of new residential and commercial developments to meet indoor noise standards.

• The operation of a noise complaint line (703-838-4334) to receive complaints from citizens and to address those concerns in a timely manor.

• Compliance enforcement for noise code violations which includes the issuance of civil penalties ranging from $50 to $500, depending on the severity of the offense.

WHEN IS CONSTRUCTION PERMITTED?

The use of Construction Devices and Power Equipment is permitted during the following hours:

• Monday – Friday: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

• Saturday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

The use of Pile Drivers is permitted during the following hours:

• Monday – Friday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

• Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

WHEN IS CONSTRUCTION PROHIBITED?

• 6:00 pm to 7:00 am Monday – Friday; 6:00 pm to 9:00 am Saturdays; all hours on Sundays; New Year’s Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day.

HOW TO OBTAIN A NOISE VARIANCE PERMIT?

Construction activities occurring outside of the permitted hours and the use of sound amplification equipment operated on City Property (or on private property with an open invitation to the public) should be approved by the City prior to commencement of the activity via the issuance of a noise variance permit. However, a permit is not required for “work necessary to restore and maintain services provided by public service companies, the rail rapid transit system, and the City”.

To apply for a permit, applicants must fax in a completed application to 703-838-6438, which upon approval, must be picked up at the Transportation and Environmental Services, Construction and Inspection office, Room 4130 at City Hall. Permit fees for construction activities are $50.00 per permit and $20.00 per permit for music and sound amplification.

For additional information on the City of Alexandria’s Noise Control Program or to download a Noise Variance Permit Application, please visit http://www.alexandriava.gov/environment or call 703-838-4334.