

Item	Discussion Notes	Issue Status
<p>1.</p> <p>Days and Hours for Noise from Gun Ranges</p> <p>Kritzer, Prakriya, Stuart</p>	<p><u>Council Discussion</u></p> <p>Councilmembers were interested in discussing noise allowances for gun ranges, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allowed days and hours of operation, • prior proposal to eliminate Sunday from noise exemptions, • conditions for variance from allowed operating hours, and • connection between maximum permissible noise levels and hours of operation. <p>On May 26 Council discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours of operation • How mitigation would be validated • Stakeholder engagement strategies • Noise mitigation agreements vs. development agreements • Limiting the types of guns used to mitigate noise • Mechanics for getting an agreement in place • Flexibility in hours of operation for shooting sports facilities <p><u>Staff Comments</u></p> <p>The proposed regulations allow noise from the discharge of firearms as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon.-Fri., 10am-7pm • Sat,-Sun, 10am-2pm • Noise holidays: no allowance. <p>An earlier proposal would have prohibited such noise on Sundays entirely. The revised proposal is intended to balance competing interests: those of residents who wish to quietly enjoy their homes and neighborhoods, and those of gun range members who wish to use the facility on weekends. The prior proposal contained a total of nine (9) weekend hours, all on Saturday. This proposal contains a total of eight (8) weekend hours, split between Saturday and Sunday. The change spreads the opportunity to use the range among more days while limiting the hours to fewer hours per day.</p>	<p>Opened 5/5/26</p> <p>Closed X.XX.XX</p>

		<p>This revised proposal also includes a mechanism for a gun range to enter into an agreement with the City whereby the range can propose noise mitigation strategies that result in equal or better noise protection than adhering the standard operating hours. The expectation is that a range would invest in noise mitigation strategies that would allow it to operate for more hours with the less impact to nearby community members.</p> <p>There was a question about the relationship between maximum permissible noise levels and hours of operation. Maximum permissible noise levels are shown in Table 1. Those noise levels can be exceeded during the hours shown in Table 2 for the specific uses described in Table 2.</p>	
2.	<p>Community Feedback</p> <p>Kritzer, Stuart</p>	<p><u>Council Discussion</u></p> <p>Councilmembers were interested in obtaining community feedback on the proposed amendments to the noise standards and discussing it.</p> <p><u>Staff Comments</u></p> <p>A summary of feedback was provided on May 5, 2026. Nearly all the feedback was about noise from gun ranges. Questionnaire responses were posted online on May 6, 2026 and a link was shared with the Council.</p>	<p>Opened 5/5/26</p> <p>Closed X.XX.XX</p>
3.	<p>Other Significant Consequences</p> <p>Kritzer</p>	<p><u>Council Discussion</u></p> <p>CM Kritzer asked about other significant impacts of the proposed amendments to noise standards.</p> <p>At the May 26 meeting, CM Soni asked about crane assembly and disassembly hours and CM Forsythe asked about public notification around tower crane assembly and disassembly.</p> <p>Also on May 26, multiple Councilmembers asked about distinguishing property maintenance conducted by property owners from property maintenance conducted by contractors.</p> <p><u>Staff Comments</u></p> <p>Much of the proposed update is organizational. In staff’s opinion the most significant substantive elements are:</p>	<p>Opened 5/5/26</p> <p>Closed X.XX.XX</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-classifying the OBAT, MMC, and MME zones from Class C to Class B, consistent with state regulations. State noise regulations state that zones with multifamily residences should be Class B. • Extending the allowed hours for crane mobilization to 5am-10pm. Staff recommends extending these hours because that is how long it takes to assemble and disassemble a tower crane. Currently, applicants must submit a noise variance request; this change will eliminate the need for the variance. • Requiring construction noise signs to be posted on site with project contact information. This provides information to community members and contact information for questions or complaints. <p><u>July 7:</u> The revised amendments presented on July 7 distinguish between property maintenance conducted by property owners and property maintenance conducted by contractors. The latter would have the same exempt hours as construction activities (see RMC 6.36.050, Table 2).</p>	
4.	<p>Comparison to Other Jurisdictions</p> <p>Parsi</p>	<p><u>Council Discussion</u></p> <p>CM Parsi asked how Redmond’s standards compare to standards in other jurisdictions.</p> <p><u>Staff Comments</u></p> <p>Local noise regulations in Washington state are all based on the same state statute and implementing regulations from the Department of Ecology. This ensures a level of consistency in noise regulation across the state.</p> <p>Kirkland’s noise regulations (<u>KZC 115.95</u>) are comparatively brief. Like Redmond’s they are based on state standards. There is a broad prohibition of public nuisances, and noise from construction is regulated separately in <u>KZC 115.25</u>).</p> <p>Bellevue’s noise code (<u>BCC 9.18</u>) is organized more like Redmond’s. It includes detailed exemptions, maximum permissible noise levels based on state standards, a prohibition on disturbances, designation of quiet zones, construction hours signs, amplification permits, development restrictions, variance provisions, and penalties for violations.</p>	<p>Opened 5/5/26</p> <p>Closed X.XX.XX</p>
5.	<p>Leaf Blowers</p> <p>Parsi, Stuart</p>	<p><u>Council Discussion</u></p> <p>Councilmembers noted complaints about noise from gas-powered leaf blowers and asked if regulating them is timely.</p>	<p>Opened 5/5/26</p> <p>Closed X.XX.XX</p>

		<p>On May 26, CP Stuart noted an interest in having the Council discuss regulating residential leaf blowers. CM Forsythe noted a program in Kirkland that helps landscapers transition to electric leaf blowers.</p> <p><u>Staff Comments</u></p> <p>Staff is researching this and will be prepared to discuss on May 26.</p>	
6.	<p>Cumulative Construction Noise</p> <p>Soni</p>	<p><u>Council Discussion</u></p> <p>CM Soni asked to discuss cumulative noise arising from several construction projects happening in a small area.</p> <p><u>Staff Comments</u></p> <p>Construction noise is exempt from maximum decibel levels when performed during allowed hours as designated in the code, regardless of the amount or location of work.</p>	<p>Opened 5/5/26</p> <p>Closed X.XX.XX</p>
7.	<p>Commercial vs. Residential Standards</p> <p>Soni</p>	<p><u>Council Discussion</u></p> <p>CM Soni asked about noise standards for commercial development vs. residential development.</p> <p><u>Staff Comments</u></p> <p>Maximum permissible noise levels are set based on Environmental Designation for Noise Abatement (EDNA) classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class A property includes all properties zoned primarily for residential and open space uses. • Class B property includes all mixed-use and commercial zones. • Class C property includes all business park, manufacturing, and industrial zones. <p>Maximum permissible noise levels are lowest in Class A and highest in Class C as shown in Table 1 in RMC 6.36.030. These noise levels apply when there is no exemption. Construction work impacting Class A zones has more limited hours compared to work occurring in Class B or Class C zones.</p>	<p>Opened 5/5/26</p> <p>Closed X.XX.XX</p>
8.	<p>Legal Holiday</p> <p>Forsythe</p>	<p><u>Council Discussion</u></p> <p>CM Forsythe asked about the definition of legal holiday.</p>	<p>Opened 5/5/26</p> <p>Closed X.XX.XX</p>

		<p><u>Staff Comments</u></p> <p>The proposal is to add the following definitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RMC 1.01.025: Legal holiday. Any holiday observed by the City of Redmond where City Hall is closed.• RMC 6.36.005: Noise holiday. New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.	
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