



City of Beverly Hills

**Health and Safety Commission
Regular Meeting**

**February 25, 2008
4:00 pm
City Hall Room 180-B**

Enhancing the Health and Safety of Our Community

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**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 180-B
AGENDA**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 25, 2008
4:00 p.m.**

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

- Consideration of minutes of January 14, 2008.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – February 13, 2008.
- Other items of interest.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. SEMS, ICS 100, & NIMS Class
2. Human Relations Commission Attendance
3. Did You Know?
4. Other Items of Interest for Information Only
 - World TB Day
 - Staph Infections
 - Wildland Fire

G. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

5. Presentations by Department Liaisons
6. Citizen Corps Volunteer Award Application
7. Possible Future Agenda Items: Noise
8. Future Meetings

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners' brief responses to public comments, questions for clarification, brief announcements, and brief reports on activities.

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

Requests for information, provision of references, and directions to place items on future Agendas.

J. ADJOURNMENT



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Ordinances aim to quiet ear-piercing motorcycle noise

By **EMILY FREDRIX**
South Florida Sun-Sentinel
August 24, 2007

Original **South Florida Sun-Sentinel** article: Ordinances aim to quiet ear-piercing motorcycle noise [Read all 44 comments »](#)

MILWAUKEE Cities from New York to Denver are giving motorcyclists the silent treatment.

And that worries riders rights groups, which fear that a wave of ordinances aimed at muffling Harley-Davidsons, hushing Hondas and stifling Suzukis will create a confusing patchwork of laws that motorcyclists won't be able to navigate. The motorcycle industry is concerned it could turn these frustrated riders away.

'From our perspective, this creates enormous problems for us because people notice the one motorcycle that makes a lot of noise,' said Bill Wood, spokesman for the American Motorcyclist Association. 'They don't notice the 50 that pass that don't. So there's a perception that motorcycles are noisy.'

Ordinances come in many forms. Some are against certain types of products - like mufflers that would rattle the apples off trees - while others are aimed more at the intent of the driver, who may want to turn some heads or rile the neighbors on a Sunday afternoon.

As of July 1, riders in New York City are subject to a minimum \$440 fine for having a muffler or exhaust system that can be heard within 200 feet.

In Lancaster, Pa., starting this month riders - and all motor vehicle drivers - could be ticketed for drawing attention to themselves, whether by creating too much noise by revving their engines or doing hard accelerations. Tickets start at \$150.

As of July 1, motorcyclists in Denver could be ticketed \$500 for putting mufflers on their bikes made by someone other than the original manufacturer, if the bike is 25 years old or less. These so-called after-market products can be louder than their manufacturer-made counterparts.

Denver's plan is unique because it targets the after-market equipment. Wood said it limits riders' freedom to choose what products to use. Many motorcyclists who need to replace parts use these products, rather than go to a dealer, which can be more expensive, Wood said.

Ordinances restricting motorcycle noise have been around for years. The American Motorcyclist Association does not



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track the numbers of such ordinances and often only hears about them just as they're being passed, Wood said.

The association would rather see an ordinance that targets all vehicles or uses a decibel test to measure actual noise output.

The changes leave riders confused, said Pamela Amette, vice president of the Motorcycle Industry Council, the industry's trade group. Enforcement can be subjective, too. The council is working with the American Society of Engineers to establish a sound test that would help equalize enforcement.

A similar test has been set for off-road bikes, and several states have adopted it, Amette said. The group hopes to have the test ready next year. The new tests could even heighten demand for quieter systems, she said, because riders will know what they need.

'Unless it's very precise and adopted uniformly, then it's just really not fair to the riders and to the industry,' Amette said.

The stakes for the industry are big. There were 1.1 million new motorcycles sold for \$9.8 billion in 2005, the most recent year available, the council said. Parts, including those after-market mufflers, accessories and riding apparel, were an additional \$2.8 billion.

'I think more and more people are putting pressure on communities,' said Ted Rueter, director of Noise Free America, based in Madison, Wis. 'That fact that Denver has done so is going to give a lot of encouragement to people who love peace and quiet.'

Harley-Davidson Inc., which tried in the 1990s to trademark its products' distinctive rumble, is monitoring the growth of anti-noise ordinances that target motorcyclists, said Rebecca Bortner, a Harley spokeswoman.

The Milwaukee-based motorcycle maker thinks the issue is less about the equipment and more about what riders do with it. The company asked its dealers a few years ago to stop carrying the loudest of after-market mufflers, straight unmuffled pipes, Bortner said.

All motorcycles sold for road use in the United States are subject to federal noise laws keeping them within a certain range of decibels, below 80 decibels from 50 feet away, said the industry council's Amette. A good rule of thumb is that your average motorcycle - as approved by government standards - should hum like a sewing machine, she said.

But some bikes are louder. That happens when bikers buy after-market equipment, either for the sound or for more heightened performance.

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CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Office of Emergency Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commissioners
FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Emergency Management
DATE: February 25, 2008
SUBJECT: Future Meetings

The following provides information on the scheduled presentations and tours during the next three Commission meetings:

Regular Scheduled Meeting - February 25th: 4:00 to 5:30, Room 180-B

Presentations scheduled:

- Community Development: George Chavez, City Building Official
- Administrative Services: Karl Kirkman, Risk Manager
- Community Services: Bill Banks, Recreation Services Manager/Julie Kahn, Human Services Outreach Manager
- Policy & Management - Communications: Cheryl Fielding, Deputy City Manager

Additional Scheduled Meeting - March 3rd: 4:00 to 6:00, Meet in Room 180-B

Wear walking shoes. Presentations Scheduled:

- Police Department Presentation and Facility Tour: Tony Lee, Police Lieutenant
- Information Technology Presentation & Facility Tour: Mark Hobson, Assistant Chief Information Officer

Regular Scheduled Meeting - March 24th: 4:00 to 7:00, meet in Room 180-A

Wear walking shoes. Dinner will be provided by Shift C at the Fire Department at 6:00.

Presentations Scheduled:

- Policy & Management - Emergency Management: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Emergency Management
- "Every 15 Minutes" Program: Police Department
- Fire Department Presentation & Facility Tour: Mark Embrey, Assistant Fire Chief

Regular Scheduled Meeting - April 28: 4:00 to 5:30, Room 180-A

Wear walking shoes

Presentation by School District: Myra Lurie, School Board Member

- Public Works Presentation & Facility Tour: Shana Epstein, Environmental Utilities Manager

MINUTES
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 180-B
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 14, 2008
4:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Setian, Millan, Landau, Kopeikin, Judelson, Seidel, Aronberg

Staff: Mottice Muller, Ryan

Guests: Vice Mayor Barry Brucker; Byron Pope, City Clerk; and Myra Lurie, BHUSD Board Member.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Seidel.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Mayor Brucker welcomed and congratulated all of the new commissioners. He also emphasized the importance of the Commission to the City Council and the community. The Commissioners introduced themselves and shared some information about their backgrounds concerning health and safety.

City Clerk Byron Pope swore in the Commissioners.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

C. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

MAYOR'S CABINET MEETING

Chair Aronberg shared some of the items discussed at the Mayor's Cabinet meetings of December 12, 2007 and January 9, 2008. The purpose of the meetings and upcoming projects of other Commissions were described in brief.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

None.

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WELCOME

Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management, introduced herself as the staff liaison to the Commission and introduced Kathy Ryan as administrative support to the Commission. She expressed her enthusiasm for beginning this Commission. Director Mottice Muller stated that the intent of the Commission is to enhance the overall health and safety of the community. Department Liaisons have been established to interact with the commission and bring items forward. It was also noted that in the next meeting of this Commission, said department liaisons will give presentations and discuss in more detail the focus of the Commission.

Myra Lurie of the BHUSD School Board also introduced herself and described her background and experience as it relates to this Commission.

A 15 minute recess was taken for photographs and dinner.

E. NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION BY GENA STINNETT, CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: "HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION ORIENTATION"

The presentation outlined roles and responsibilities of Commissioners and the Commission as a group. Suggestions on how to prepare for and conduct meetings were offered. Other information given in the presentation pertained to the following: Brown Act, Public Records Act, conflicts of interest, gifts, perks, and misuse of public funds.

DISCUSSION OF DATE AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

MOVED by Landau, SECONDED by Kopeikin to approve that future meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of the month from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm with the ability to be flexible in changing dates and times if needed (7/0)

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Landau, Kopeikin, Judelson, Seidel, Aronberg

Noes: None

CARRIED.

UPCOMING CERT CLASS

Chair Aronberg briefly discussed the City's CERT class, and asked the Commissioners to encourage residents to participate in the class.

F. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

G. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

Chair Aronberg stated that each of the City department liaisons will give a 10-minute presentation at the next meeting on their department's organization, as well as current and future work plan items and projects.

H. ADJOURNMENT

PASSED, Approved and Adopted

This _____ day of _____, 2008

Sandra Aronberg, Chair



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Policy and Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commissioners

FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management

DATE: February 25, 2008

SUBJECT: SEMS, ICS 100, & NIMS 700

The Office of Emergency Management will teach a SEMS, Standardized Emergency Management System, ICS 100 (Incident Command System) and NIMS 700 (National Incident Management) class on March 27 8:30 to 12:00 in the City's Emergency Operations Center located in the Police Department. Commissioners are welcome to attend. The class meets state and federal requirements to ensure the local, state and federal government operate in times of emergencies using the same system. Only three commissioners can attend at one time. An additional class will be held at a DCS (Disaster Communication System) meeting and in approximately six months. The following is taken from the Beverly Hills internal training site. Please RSVP.

TITLE :: SEMS & NIMS IS 100 & 700

SUBJECT :: MEMS: Municipal Emergency Management Sys

GOAL :: Introductory Courses

DESCRIPTION :: MANDATORY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING SWORN PERSONNEL.

SEMS: Provides an Introduction on the (SEMS) Standardized Emergency Management System and how the City will respond and recovery during and after.

IS 100 ICS: Provides an Introduction to the Incident Command System.

IS 700 NIMS: An awareness level course that explains NIMS components, concepts and principles.

AUDIENCE :: All Employees

CREDITS :: 4

CERTIFICATION :: Yes

▼ **THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008 @ 8:30AM** RESERVE



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Policy and Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commissioners

FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management

DATE: February 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Human Relations Commission meeting

At the request of the staff liaison of the Human Relations Commission, on February 21, 2008 staff attended the Human Relations Commission meeting. The purpose was to provide, briefly, information on the Health and Safety Commission. The following is a copy of the memo provided to the Commission. Staff will provide additional information, background and comments from the meeting to the Commission during the Director's Report.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Policy and Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Human Relations Commission

FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management

DATE: February 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Health and Safety Commission

Background

"Enhancing the Health and Safety of Our Community" is the new mission statement for the newly established Health and Safety City Commission. City Council established the seven member Commission in July/August 2007. The commission meets the fourth Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Discussion

The following information is an excerpt from the ordinance which established the Commission:

2-2-1602. Mission Statement and Responsibilities

The Health and Safety Commission shall strive to maintain and improve the over-all health and safety of the community in accordance with its purposes and responsibilities.

A. The Commission shall have the following purposes and responsibilities:

1. Promote, communicate, and broaden the community's opportunities for citizen participation on issues of public health, welfare, safety and comfort, mitigation of community safety risks and hazards, and disaster preparedness;
2. Provide a forum for members of the community to bring generalized concerns regarding public health, welfare, safety and comfort;
3. Aid in the development of strategies relating to disaster preparedness, disaster hazard mitigation, disaster management, and health and safety risk reduction;
4. Support the work of all City Departments, the business sector, and the efforts of residents before, during and after a medical, natural or man-made disaster;
5. Assist in communicating the City's health, safety, and disaster preparedness messages to the community as well as educating the community more generally regarding these issues;
6. Strengthen ties with the community's disaster related stakeholders;

7. Assist with City-sponsored activities and programs that promote public health, welfare, safety and comfort, mitigation of community safety risks and hazards, and disaster preparedness;

8. Select the annual Citizen Corp Volunteer Award recipient.

B. For purposes of this Article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Disaster" shall mean the kind of event, such as fire, flood, storm, earthquake, riot, or any other occurrence, for which a Local Emergency or a State of Emergency may be proclaimed, or which constitutes the existence of a State of War Emergency, as each of those official emergencies are defined in Section 2-4-102 of this Code.

2. "Disaster related stakeholders" shall mean local community-based groups that are involved in disaster preparedness and response.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of the foregoing subsection (A) and (B), the Commission shall not be a department oversight commission, a police oversight commission, or a fire oversight commission. The Commission shall not become involved with:

1. Police or fire response issues;

2. Issues that involve special technical expertise;

3. School safety issues;

4. Monitoring or overseeing any enforcement activities of any City

Department, including but not limited to, enforcement of this Code, enforcement of traffic laws, or enforcement of state criminal or civil laws.

Currently the City Manager's Office: Office of Emergency Management provides the staff liaison to the Commission. The Commission will soon begin developing its work plan.

Recommendations

The Health and Safety Commissions welcomes the Human Relations Commissions input on community health and safety issues with the hope of working together to ensure and enhance the Health & Safety of the Community. If requested and at a later date, a future liaison meeting between the two Commissions can be arranged.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Policy and Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commissioners

FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management

DATE: February 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Did You Know?

At each City Council meeting the Mayor, during the agenda item "Did You Know?" provides information to the Community on a wide range of topics. The following items have been submitted for inclusion during this portion of the agenda:

"Did you Know?"

Enhancing Health and Safety in Our Community is the Mission of the Health and Safety Commission. In following that mission the Commission would like the following: "*Did You Know's*" provided to the Community:

- Good Health is In Your Hands: Personnel hygiene is important. Wash hands for 20 seconds with warm water. The CDC is not recommending anti-bacterial soap products often target specific types of bacteria while allowing other germs to remain and continue to grow. The CDC has officially recommended that **ONLY Anti-Microbial, alcohol based, hand cleanser** sanitizers and soap be used for hand washing. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or cough into your sleeve, not your hands. Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!
- In the past few months, there has been quite a bit of attention community associated Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus in the media. Staph germs are commonly found on the skin of healthy people. Staph is the most common cause of skin infections. When staph goes deeper than the skin, it can cause serious bone and blood infections. MRSA is staph skin infection that has developed resistance to most common antibiotics (drugs that are used to kill bacteria). LA County Department of Public Health has developed guidelines to assist the community to be able to protect themselves. Wash your hands with

soap and water. Avoid cuts and scrapes as much as possible. Keep cuts and scrapes clean with soap and water. If cuts and scrapes become red, warm, swell or are tender seek medical attention.

- The City's Emergency Operations Plan has been approved by the State. The plan provides the framework on how the City would respond and recovery from a disaster or major emergency. The City encourages residents to also prepare for an emergency by making plans on how your family will respond and react during and after disasters for example how to shut off utilities if needed or where you would meet after an evacuation, having out of state contact, making a kit that has enough supplies for your family to live for 3 to 7 days and staying informed by visiting the website or calling the Office of emergency management at 310.285.1025 for further information. BE READY WHEN THE TIME COMES.
- There has been many moderate to large earthquakes in the Baja and Southern Area of Mexico. This is a good time to re-inventory and update your disaster supplies. You should have enough supplies for you and your family for 3 to 7 days such as water, food, medical supplies, extra prescriptions, sleeping bags, toilet supplies. For more information on disaster preparedness visit the City's website or call the OEM.

As we identify other topics and issues this is one way the Commission can provide information to the Community.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Policy and Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commissioners

FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management

DATE: February 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Information Items

In most packets, staff will provide informational items that may be of interest to the Commissioners. These items of interest will be items related to Health and Safety. Items will be titled "Information Only" and in most cases, although not always, will not warrant discussion.

"Information Only" items are included as follows:

- Flyer on World TB Day Forum
- Flyer on What You Need to Know About Staph/MRSA Skin Infections
- Press Release: Three Months After The Wildfires: State and Federal Aid Nears \$140 Million

WHERE

California African American Museum
Exposition Park
600 State Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90037

WORLD TB DAY FORUM

“I Am Stopping TB - A Disease Without Borders”

Community
experts
representing:

- African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- Homeless
- HIV/AIDS
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health

In concert with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health TB Control Program and TB Coalition partners, you will:

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- ♦ Understand TB on a global, national, and local level
- ♦ Learn what you can do to help stop TB in your community

Keynote Speaker:
State Sen. Mark Ridley-Thomas

Registration and Continental Breakfast are **FREE!**

March 15, 2008

9:00am-12:00pm

Registration begins at 8:00am

Sponsored by the Office of State Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas
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To register, please contact Romesh Anketell, TB Coordinator

Phone: (323) 935-8050 x288

E-mail: ranketell@breathela.org

World TB Day Forum

Saturday, March 15, 2008

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is FREE. Space is limited. Reservation DEADLINE: Friday, March 7, 2007.

Name: _____ Title: _____
(one registrant per form)

Organization: _____ Professional License #: _____
(if applicable) *(if applicable)*

Complete Address (Street Number and Name): _____ Unit#: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Forum Location:

California African American Museum at Exposition Park

600 State Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90037

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Event Begins 9:00 a.m.

Email completed form to: ranketell@breathela.org

Fax form to: (323) 935-1873 ATTN: Romesh Anketell

For more information please contact Romesh Anketell, TB Coordinator call: (323) 935-8050 x. 288

What You Need to Know About Staph/MRSA Skin Infections - For People Who Serve The Public



Staph germs (*Staphylococcus aureus*) are commonly found on the skin of healthy people. Staph is the most common cause of skin infections. When staph goes deeper than the skin, it can cause serious bone and blood infections.

MRSA (Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) is staph that has developed resistance to most common antibiotics (drugs that are used to kill bacteria). MRSA can be found on the skin of healthy people. MRSA is a common cause of skin infections and it can also cause serious bone and blood infections if not properly treated. As there has been a lot of news about MRSA, this fact sheet provides information about the disease and prevention information for public employees concerning potential exposure and infection.



What is a Staph or MRSA skin infection?

It can be a pimple, rash, boil, or an open wound.

Symptoms of staph/MRSA skin infections include redness, warmth, swelling, tenderness of the skin, and boils or blisters. The infection might start small, like a pimple, and might get better on its own or develop into something more serious.

MRSA skin infections are often misdiagnosed as spider or insect bites.



How do these skin infections spread?

MRSA or staph live on skin and can survive on objects for 24 hours or more.



MRSA is found in places where there are crowds of people (schools, jails, gyms). MRSA can directly rub off the skin of an infected person onto the skin of

another person. Or, the bacteria (germs) can come off of the infected skin of a person onto a shared object or surface (like a towel or sports equipment), and get onto the skin of the next person who uses it.

How can I prevent myself or my family members from getting infected?

Wash your hands with soap and warm water.

The cleanest person can get a MRSA infection. Keep cuts and scrapes clean with soap and water. Avoid skin contact and sharing personal items with anyone you think could have a skin infection. Use disposable gloves to take care of skin infections. Wash your hands with soap and water after removing the gloves and dispose of them carefully.

What should I do if I think I have a skin infection?

Consult your doctor or healthcare provider.

Early treatment can help prevent the infection from getting worse. Follow directions from your doctor or healthcare provider closely. If you are prescribed pills, take whole course to make sure all the bacteria are dead, even if you feel better.



If my doctor or healthcare provider has told me that I have, or someone close to me has, a skin infection, what can I do to keep others from getting infected?

Change your bandages, clean your hands and your home.

Keep the infected area covered with clean, dry bandages. Pus from infected wound is very infectious.



Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water, especially after changing your bandages or touching infected skin.

Regularly clean your bathroom, kitchen, and all other rooms, as well as your personal items. Wash clothes and other items that become soiled with hot water or bleach, when possible. Drying clothes in a hot dryer, rather than air-drying, also helps kill bacteria in clothes.



Tell any healthcare providers who treat you that you have a skin infection.



www.lapublichealth.org/acd/mrsa.htm

Three Months After The Wildfires: State And Federal Aid Nears \$140 Million

Release Date: January 28, 2008

Release Number: 1731-097

PASADENA, Calif. -- Three months after wildfires raged through Southern California, state and federal disaster assistance has reached nearly \$140 million to help pay for firefighting, debris removal and other response and recovery efforts.

Here is a summary of funding since the Oct. 24, 2007, presidential disaster declaration:

- **SBA: \$78.6 million.** The bulk of the disaster assistance funding has come from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in the form of long-term, low-interest loans to business and home owners for repair or replacement of damaged structures.
- **Public Assistance: \$44 million** has been obligated to reimburse state and local governments for firefighting efforts, debris removal, repair or replacement of public buildings and infrastructure and other wildfire-related losses and expenses. The Federal Management Agency (FEMA) pays 75 percent of those funds, with the remaining 25 percent split between the state of California and local applicants on a 75-25 percent cost-share basis.
- **Housing Assistance: \$9.5 million** in grants has been disbursed to homeowners for home repair or replacement and temporary housing.
- **Other Needs Assistance: \$3.9 million** has been given by the state and FEMA for losses and damage to personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, moving expenses and other disaster-related costs.
- **Unemployment Benefits: \$1.76 million.** California's Employment Development Department has administered \$1.53 million in Unemployment Insurance and more than \$235,000 in federally funded Disaster Unemployment Assistance for those who lost work due to the fires but who did not qualify for regular unemployment insurance.
- **California State Supplemental Grants: \$1.9 million** in grants has been approved by the California Department of Social Services for those who have received the maximum grant from FEMA.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commission
FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Emergency Management
DATE: February 25, 2008
SUBJECT: Department Presentations

Over the next few meetings, City departments will provide the Commission with presentations and facility tours. At the February 25 meeting the following departments or offices are scheduled to present:

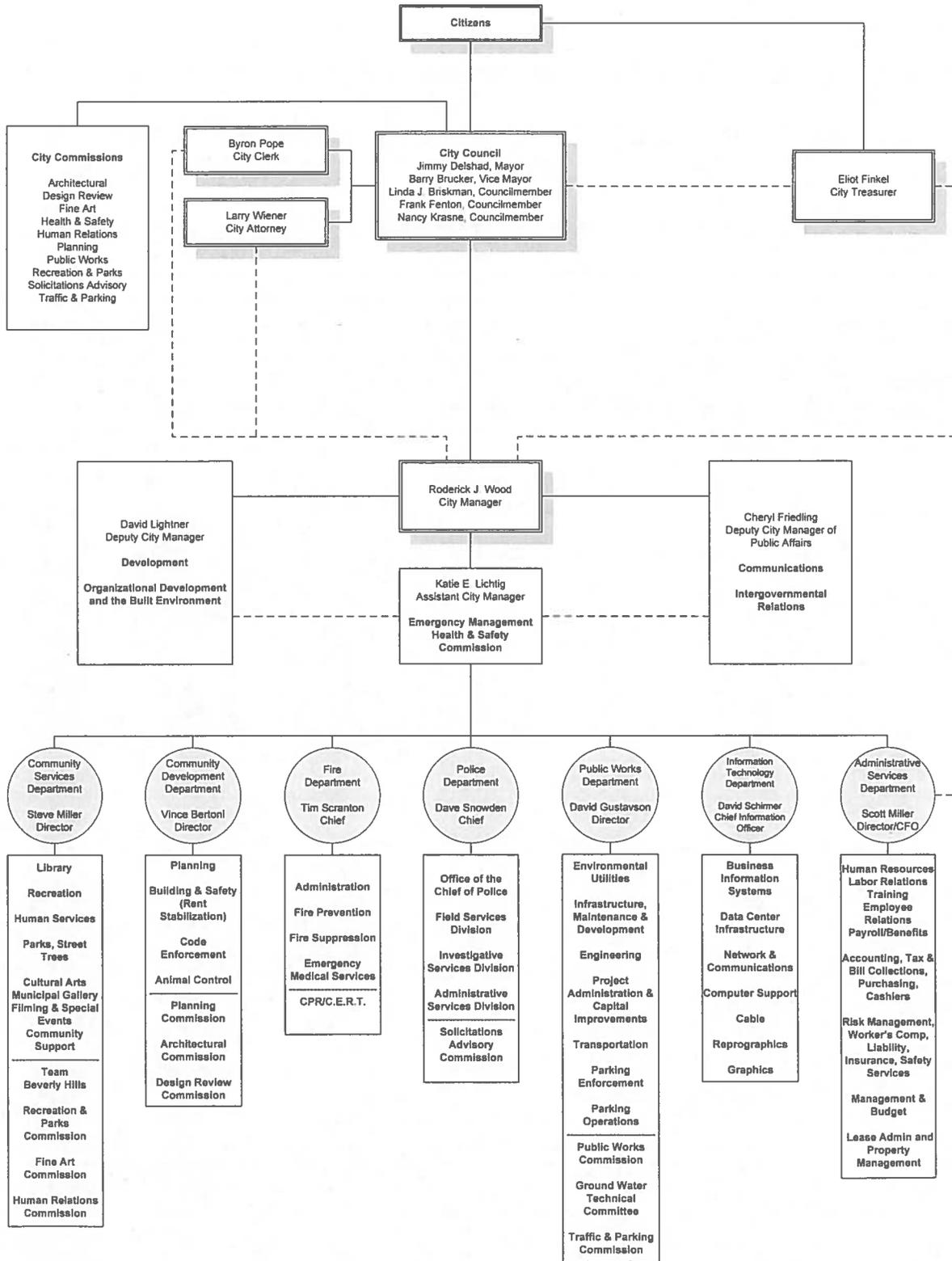
- Community Development: George Chavez
- Administrative Services: Karl Kirkman
- Community Services: Bill Banks/Julie Kahn
- Policy & Management - Communications: Cheryl Fielding

Staff has been asked to present the following:

- department overview including organizational structure,
- explain departments past and current Health and Safety issues e.g. past and current programs, projects and practices,
- current Health and Safety related work plan items,
- future Health and Safety related work plan items, and
- other matters of interest.

Health and Safety issues cross departmental boundaries, therefore and depending on the issue, all departments will interface with the Commission. All department heads have assigned a staff liaison to the Commission. If you have future issues or questions for the department liaisons please contact me for coordination.

The following attachments provide specific information on a department or office. Most presenters will provide handouts at the time of their oral presentations. Policy & Management - Emergency Management presentation has been changed, due to time constraints, to the March 24 meeting date.



The Community Development Department

Comprised of:
Planning
Building & Safety

- The Department maintains the General Plan and Zoning Code and maps that provide the policy and regulatory bases for land use and development as mandated by State and local laws.
- It also administers Community Development Block Grants and other limited Federally assisted programs for which residents are eligible.
- The department oversees all applications for discretionary permits needed to meet those requirements, including:
 - Subdivision (Tentative) Maps;
 - Zone Change/General Plan Amendments;
 - Conditional Use Permits;
 - Development Plan Reviews;
 - Variations;
 - R-1 Development Permits (for Hillside Trousdale, and Central single-family residential areas);
 - R-4 Development Permits (for multi-family residential areas);
 - Architectural Review (for commercial and multi-family residential areas);
 - In-Lieu Parking Agreements (for the Business Triangle); and
 - Other minor accommodations to the Zoning Code

Planning's Relationship With the Health and Safety Commission

- As the City embarks on updating its General Plan, it is anticipated that major revisions to the City's Zoning Code would follow. Although the Zoning Code generally deals with land-use issue, there could be instances in which recommendations and input from your Commission would be desirable. In such cases, we would present an issue before the Commission prior to bringing the issue to the Planning Commission.
- Although we do not have any items on our work plan that would involve this Commission, we would appreciate the opportunity to use this Commission as a sounding board as such a case is presented.

Planning Division

What do we do?

The Planning Division advises the City Manager, City Council and its commissions, residents, the business community and the general public on current land use and development issues.

It also provides logistical support for assessing future demands for services related to land use in Beverly Hills and the surrounding region, including the West Side, greater Los Angeles and Southern California.

The department provides administrative assistance and staffs the following Commissions:

- **Planning Commission:** The five-member Planning Commission is appointed by the City Council to carry out a variety of delegated functions. State law sets out the areas over which the Planning Commission has authority, either as a decision-making body or advisory to the City Council. The Commission is responsible for recommending broad development policies to the City Council, and once adopted in the form of the City's General Plan, for reviewing development applications for their conformance to the General Plan. The Commission acts as an advisory body to the City Council on applications for subdivision of land (including condominiums) and, absent an appeal to the City Council, is the final authority over a variety of discretionary development applications (Conditional Use Permits, Development Plan Review Permits, etc.), variances from the zoning regulations (acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals) and for the environmental assessment of such applications, as prescribed by law.
- **Architectural Commission:** The seven-member Architectural Commission is appointed by the City Council to make decisions regarding the aesthetics of development in all commercial and multi-family residential areas of the City.
- **Design Review Commission** two separate decision-making (discretionary). The five-member Design Commission is appointed by the City Council to make decisions regarding the aesthetics of development in all single-family residences in the central area of the City.

NOTE: These are boards mandated by the City Council to oversee current and future private land use in the City and have discretionary, decision making power over those projects under their purview.

Building & Safety Division

What do we do?

- The primary mission of the Building and Safety Department is to safeguard life, health, and property in the built environment through the administration and enforcement of federal, state, and local codes for building design, construction, maintenance and use.
- We strive to not only preserve the environment but also protect it through building energy conservation, zoning regulations, disabled access, noise control, asbestos abatement, property maintenance, rent control, and animal control regulations.

Our Programs

■ Building Inspection



■ Plan Review and Permitting



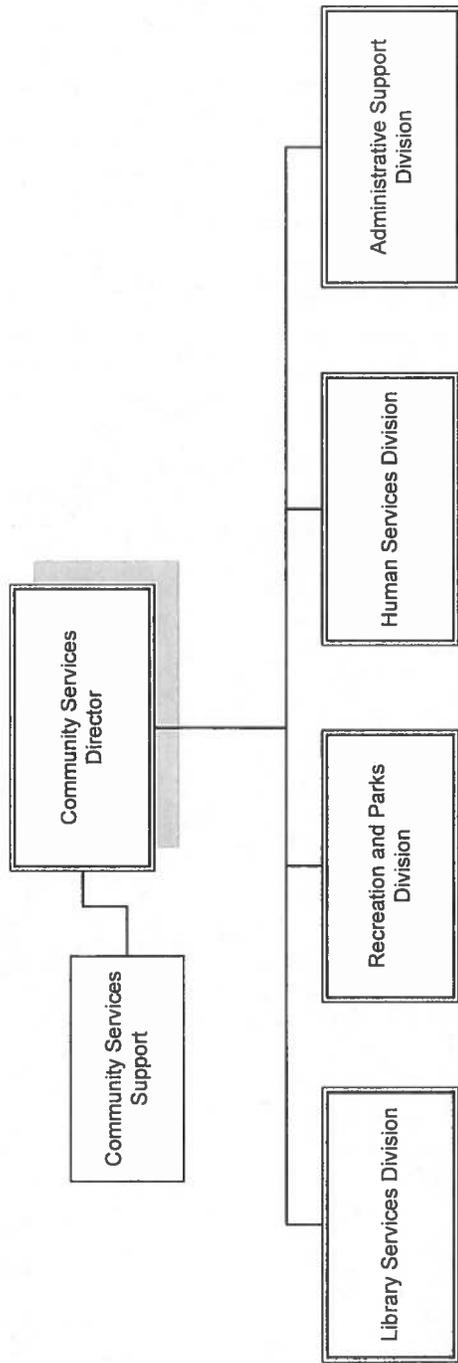
■ Community Preservation



Building & Safety's Relationship With the Health and Safety Commission

- Building & Safety is committed to ensuring safety and quality of life for the residents, businesspersons and visitors of Beverly Hills. We recently passed a wood roof ordinance to help prevent structure fires in single family homes, and are working hard towards making our city a "Green City."
- However, there is no ceiling to the improvements that can be made to our community in the way of public health and safety. We welcome any suggestions that your committee might have in this way!

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FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 ORGANIZATION CHART





CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commissioners
FROM: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of Office of Emergency Management
DATE: February 25, 2008
SUBJECT: Citizen Corps Volunteer Award Application

INTRODUCTION

After September 11th, President Bush implemented the Citizen Corps initiative. This initiative supported community based programs through citizen volunteer efforts. The national mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. The City Council has since directed Staff to ensure all City volunteer groups are working together, especially in response to preparing for and responding to a disaster. Groups representing the City of Beverly Hills Citizen Corps are as follows:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Volunteers in Policing (VIP)
- Disaster Communications System (DCS)
- Medical Reserve Task Force (MRS)

DISCUSSION

The first annual Citizen Corps Volunteer Award honors the individual who has shown overwhelming commitment and immense dedication to the public safety and health of the City of Beverly Hills. This award promotes the continuation and collaboration of volunteer community service groups, in an effort to be better prepared to threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. The individual chosen by the Health and Safety Commission will be honored at the Community Services Volunteer Recognition Breakfast in April.

RECOMMENDATION

Attached is a copy of the draft award application; your input and approval is requested. Once approved, the final application will be given to departments overseeing each Citizen Corps group for nominations of outstanding individuals. Applications will then be collected no later than March 12th, to be reviewed by Commissioners at the Health and Safety Commission meeting on March 24th.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
CITIZEN CORPS VOLUNTEER AWARD APPLICATION**

Name of Volunteer: _____

Please check specific Citizen Corps Involvement:

- CERT
- NHW
- DCS
- EXPLORERS
- MEDICAL
- RESERVE CORPS
- OTHER

Years Involved: _____

Generally describe the team member's service. Provide specific examples.

Please describe how this volunteer has shown exceptional dedication to Citizen Corps.

PERSON SUBMITTING: _____ DATE: _____

The City of Beverly Hills Citizens Corps Volunteer Award honors a Citizen Corps Volunteer who has shown overwhelming commitment and immense dedication to making our community safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. Please complete and submit applications to the City of Beverly Hills Office of Emergency Management no later than March 12, 2008. For more information, please call the Office of Emergency Management at 310.285.1025



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Policy and Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commission

FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management

DATE: February 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Possible Future Agenda Items: Noise

The Mayor has asked the Commission to study noise pollution as it pertains to motorcycle noise and report to the City Council at a later date. Attached are articles on the subject. This is a complicated subject with many facets. In the future staff will bring details on this topic to the Commission if requested.

To provide you with some background on this topic, according to the Police Department, laws exist in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) and City Ordinance regarding the noise in both cars and motorcycles. The California Vehicle Code specifies that it is unlawful to change a motor vehicle factory exhaust system and modify it or install an aftermarket to make it louder. Although enforcement can have its challenges, the Police Department can use a variety of the following laws to enforce noise violations:

27150(a) CVC - Muffler: defective, inadequate, or none, emitting excessive or unusual noise. Cutout, bypass, or similar device prohibited.

27150(b) CVC - Muffler: off-highway passenger vehicle, same as 27150(a).

27150(c) CVC - Not applicable to authorized racing vehicle or competition event.

27150.1 CVC - Exhaust System: sell, etc, unapproved type, offer, sell or install.

27150.8 CVC - Motorcycle Exhaust System: Offering for sale when not in compliance with CHP regulations.

27151(a) CVC - Modified to increase or amplify noise.

27153 CVC - Exhaust products: excessive smoke, flame, gas, oil or fuel residue.

22651.5 CVC - Authority to Impound, Audible alarm or vehicle horn, peace officer may remove if such vehicle is parked within 500 ft of any occupied school, college, university building during normal business hours, or parked within a residence or business district,

or from a hwy, or public or private property, within 20 minutes of arrival and not completely silenced before arrival. It is applicable to continuous or intermittent and repeatedly activated sound. Note: Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC) 5-1.203(a) has same application as 22651.5 CVC, except it is "exceeding 10 minutes."

BHMC 5-1.204 - Motor vehicle operation or repair causing discomfort or annoyance (must be in a residential area), and BUM 5-6.903 applies on any public street

This information is provided as an information only and to provide information on an area of community interest. Staff's goal is to provide the Commission with the most information on a requested given topic

Soon we will begin discussing our work plan. It will be very important to look at all of the Health and Safety issues and decide what projects, issues are of interest to the Commission and the Community. In the meantime, Commissioners should be thinking about the focus and issues the Commission wants to address in the future. Once completed the Commission will have an opportunity to present the work plan and it's priorities to the City Council for their input.

~~Denver Motorcycle noise ordinance unfair, illogical, unenforceable~~

Written by Staff

Friday, 08 June 2007

The American Motorcyclist Association has expressed serious concerns about a new law passed by the Denver City Council that essentially requires all riders in the city to use only stock exhaust systems on their motorcycles.

On June 4, Denver officials approved changes to the city's vehicle noise ordinance that allow police to issue tickets to riders if their bikes don't have a federal Environmental Protection Agency sound-certification label on the exhaust systems. The new ordinance, which takes effect July 1, would apply to all motorcycles made since 1982, which was the first year that federal law required motorcycles sold in the U.S. to comply with EPA sound regulations.

In practical terms, that means the bike would have to have the original exhaust system installed by the manufacturer. Violators would have two weeks to prove to a judge that they have fixed the problem or would be forced to pay a \$500 fine.

Previously, the Denver ordinance required all motor vehicles to pass a sound test that set a limit of 80 decibels at 25 feet. That type of performance standard remains in effect for cars and trucks, except that the allowable limits have been raised. Under the new ordinance, vehicles with a gross weight rating under 10,000 pounds couldn't exceed 82 db(A) at 25 feet, and trucks over 10,000 pounds couldn't exceed 90 db(A) at 50 feet. Only motorcycles would be subject to the EPA sound certification labeling requirement.

"We understand the motivation for cities to pass laws controlling sound levels from traffic," said Ed Moreland, AMA Vice President for Government Relations. "But the approach being taken in Denver creates a special class of enforcement that unfairly targets motorcyclists. Loud trucks and cars are every bit as annoying as loud motorcycles, but only motorcyclists would be subject to this new provision of the labeling law."

To understand the restrictions being imposed on motorcyclists, Moreland asked car drivers to consider the impact if Denver city officials had instead required stock mufflers on cars, making it illegal for Denver drivers to buy replacement exhaust systems from companies like Midas or Meineke.

"That would force everyone who drives a Ford to return to the Ford dealer and get the exact replacement muffler every time their exhaust system wore out," he noted.

The AMA's position on the new Denver ordinance got support June 7 in an editorial in the Rocky Mountain News which stated: "As more than one critic of the ordinance ... noted, it just doesn't appear ready for prime time."

Several years ago, the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, passed a similar certification ordinance affecting motorcyclists there. Motorcyclists, included the AMA, worked with city officials for two years before that provision was rescinded and the city went back to a performance-based sound standard.

The AMA has a decades-long history of opposition to excessive motorcycle sound, and has hosted national summits on the subject that have brought together riders, manufacturers, aftermarket companies, law-enforcement officers and government officials. Among the groups that have supported that effort is ABATE of Colorado, which has issued a position paper warning riders that they could face this kind of discriminatory enforcement because of growing public complaints about traffic sound levels.

The AMA is contacting Denver City Council members in hopes of opening up a dialogue on this topic before enforcement of the new law begins on July 1.

"We look forward to working with the Denver City Council to come up with a more reasonable solution for dealing with excessive sound levels from traffic," Moreland said. "Our experience has shown that there are a range of approaches cities can take to this issue without imposing restrictive laws on motorcyclists."

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Downtown dwellers howl over hogs Noise problem 'significant,' says police captain

By Fernando Quintero, Rocky Mountain News

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

As more people move into downtown Denver's sparkling new high-rise condos and lofts, more complaints about city noise are being logged.

Among the chief culprits: loud motorcycles.

But it's the increase in complaints - not more loud bikes - that led to Monday night's Denver City Council crackdown on noisy hogs, police say.

"It's a significant enough problem. My sense is that the problem is worsening in downtown because more people are moving into the area," said Denver Police Capt. Eric Rubin, head of the Traffic Operations Bureau. "It has an active night life and a large residential base, which don't always mix well."

No one has to tell that to Laurin Thomas.

The mother of two lives in the Ball Park Lofts near 24th and Blake streets, and she is sick of obnoxiously loud motorcycles waking her up at night.

"Why does it have to be so loud? It's unbelievably rude," said Thomas.

One neighbor in particular rides his motorcycle through to the top floor of the loft's parking lot, taking about five minutes to make it to the top, she said.

"I'm tired of people who have no respect for others," Thomas said.

But Rubin said he believes most motorcyclists are respectful of others.

"All you need is one guy showing off at an intersection and revving up his bike to produce a number of complaints," he said.

Rubin said the northern end of Sheridan Boulevard and the Platt Park neighborhood in southeast Denver were other hot spots for resident noise complaints.

But despite rising complaints about the cycles, Denver has issued only 18 to 20 citations involving noisy motorcycles in the past three years, said Denver police officer Jim Pelloni of the city's Neighborhood Enforcement Team.

The new law, which won't go into effect until July 1, would allow police to cite motorcycles made after 1982 if they lack mufflers with a factory-issued federal noise-rating stamp.

Rubin emphasized that the new law won't necessarily mean more aggressive enforcement of noise laws.

"But if we get a complaint, we now have a better way to follow up," he said.

Rubin said the law gives police an "extra tool" to help reduce noise pollution on city streets.

"This hasn't changed our philosophy about enforcing noise standards," he said.

The city already has an ordinance regulating motor-vehicle noise, but police and other city officials say the new law sets a more enforceable standard.

"Now we have guidelines. It's less subjective. You either have a muffler that works or you don't," said Ellen Dumm, spokeswoman for the city's Department of Environmental Health.

"Messing with a muffler is something tangible, something an officer can write a ticket on," said Lakewood police spokesman Steve Davis.

"Otherwise, you're dealing with something that's subjective. And we don't have the resources or equipment to deal with monitoring decibel levels."

Lodo Market and Deli operator Thuan La doesn't like the noise, but says the ordinance is unnecessary.

He has worked in the deli on the ground floor of the Ball Park Lofts for two years and said the noise levels have remained the same.

It comes with the territory, La said.

"It's the kind of neighborhood (where it is often noisy) and it's something that (residents) have to put up with."

He fears the ordinance will make outsiders begin to think Denver has turned into an "ultra- conservative" place to live.

Proposals being considered

Loud motorcycles aren't the only noise polluters in Denver. Some proposals the City Council continues to consider:

- || **Construction noise** on weekends would be limited to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. instead of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- || **Snow-removal equipment** operators would be granted noise exemptions up to 48 hours after a major storm of 6 inches or more.
- || **Large fairs and festivals** would be capped at 80 decibels from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Report noise

- || **To report a noisy motorcycle in Denver:** 720-913-2000. An officer will be dispatched to the location.

Talk about the ordinance

- || **Chat with Mark Wolf** on RockyTalk Live about the motorcycle noise ordinance and read Tuesday's story on the City Council vote at **RockyMountainNews.com**.

Denver noise law

Effective July 1, vehicles under 10,000 pounds (cars, SUVs and pickup trucks) cannot exceed 82 decibels from 25 feet away, and vehicles 10,000 pounds and more (semis) cannot exceed 90. Motorcycles made after December 1982 must have EPA noise-test stamps on their mufflers.

- || **What's it going to cost?** Motorcycle owners ticketed for exceeding the decibel cap will have two weeks to show a judge that they fixed the problem, or pay an initial \$500 fine.
- || **What other cities do:** Many metro cities, including Golden, Boulder, Lakewood and Colorado Springs, follow state law. State law prohibits tampering with exhaust systems of motorcycles and other vehicles that results in loud noise.

Do you hear what I hear?

Compared with noises in everyday life, the sound from a motorcycle emitting less than 82 decibels falls somewhere in the middle of the mix.

- || **140** Jet engines
- || **130** Shotgun firing, jet takeoff from 100 to 200 feet
- || **120** Boombox, thunderclap
- || **110-140** Rock concert
- || **110-125** Stereos over 100 watts
- || **110** Chainsaw, jackhammer

- | 105 Snowmobile
- | 103 Jet flyover at 1,000 feet
- | 100 Garbage truck, cement mixer
- | arm tractor
- | 97 Newspaper press
- | 85-90 Lawn mower, blender
- | 70-90 Recreational vehicle, television
- | 84 Diesel truck going 40 mph at 50 feet
- | 80 Average city traffic, garbage disposal
- | 78 Washing machine
- | 75 Dishwasher
- | 70 Vacuum cleaner, hair dryer
- | 50-65 Normal conversation
- | 50-60 Quiet office
- | 40 Refrigerator humming
- | 30 Whisper
- | Rustling leaves
- | 10 Normal breathing

Source: National Institute On Deafness And Other Communications Disorders

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