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Subject: Amendment to the Noise Ordinance

Article III, Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances of Gwinnett County entitled "Noise", was repealed in December 1, 2015 and replaced with a new Chapter 42, Article III titled "Noise Control". On June 7, 2016 Subsection 42-49(3) entitled "Construction Noise" is replaced in its entirety. Key changes are outlined below.

**Key changes in the December 1, 2015 amendment:**

- Definitions and sound measurement standards were added.
- General noise and/or sound prohibitions were organized into prohibited day and evening hours and prohibited overnight hours per days of the week.
- Specific noise and/or sound prohibitions criteria were added for the following uses:
  - Multi-family residential dwelling units.
  - Motorized landscape maintenance devices.
  - Construction noise.
  - Noises and /or sounds made by business entities in the normal course of such entity's operation.
- Exclusions: the prohibitions of Article III, Chapter 42 shall not apply to those noises and /or sounds that are covered by other sections of the Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances, or Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.).

**Key changes in the June 7, 2016 amendment, specifically Subsection 42-49(3):**

- Allowed construction noise Monday through Friday is reduced by one hour from 10 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Based on the above reduction, the hours by which the Director or designee of the Department of Planning and Development may give careful consideration to grant a permit for construction work to be done has changed to between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. on weekdays..
- The following federally recognized Holidays are added to the days whereby construction noise is prohibited:
  - New Year's Day
  - Memorial Day
  - Independence Day
  - Labor Day
  - Thanksgiving Day
  - Christmas Day