

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: January 27, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Amendment to Title 8 of the Lancaster Municipal Code (Noise Regulations)**

Recommendation:

Introduce **Ordinance No. 916**, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, amending Sections 8.24.020 and 8.24.040 of the Lancaster Municipal Code relating to noise regulations and allowable working hours.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

The Lancaster Municipal Code establishes noise regulations that prohibit unnecessary, excessive and annoying noises from all sources subject to its police powers; including construction related noises. Staff has become aware of conflicting requirements for encroachment permits, building permits, and City contracts governing allowable working hours. In order to establish consistent working hours and eliminate ambiguity, Staff recommends revising Sections 8.24.020 and 8.24.040 of the Lancaster Municipal Code in accordance with the attached ordinance. The proposed ordinance will change the definition of “day” to be the time period from seven a.m. to eight p.m., change the definition of “night” to be the time period from eight p.m. to seven a.m., Monday through Saturday. The Municipal Code currently defines “day” as the time period from six-thirty a.m. to ten p.m., defines “night” as the time period from ten p.m. to six-thirty a.m., and allows construction related work between sunrise and eight p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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Attachment:

Ordinance No. 916