



Construction Hours Bylaw

WARRANT COMMITTEE OPEN HEARING - MARCH 18, 2024

Why do we need a construction hours bylaw?

- Influx of persistent complaints from Dover community to Police and Building Inspector regarding excessive outdoor construction noise during off-hours
- Established need for guardrails and penalties
- Aim is for bylaw to serve as deterrent
- Intend to gather and evaluate data on recurring basis to ensure penalties are effective



Proposed bylaw composition

Prohibited Activities	Exempt Activities	Construction Hours & Fines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Outdoor construction- Operation of equipment utilized for the purpose of building or assembling construction materials, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Idling trucks- Heavy earthmoving equipment- Materials handling equipment- Logging and land clearing equipment- Air compressors- Air-actuated nailing guns- Circular saws- Drills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Indoor construction- Work performed by property owner at his/her residence- Emergency work, municipal work or government-authorized construction activities intended to serve public interest	<p><u>Construction Hours</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monday through Friday, 7 AM - 6 PM- Saturday, 9 AM - 1 PM- Sunday, prohibited <p><u>Fines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- All fines to be paid by property owner, with enforcement coordinated by Police and Building Inspector- First violation: \$100- Second violation: \$200- Third+ violation: \$300

Many local communities have a construction hours bylaw

	Hours	Fines
Dover (proposed)	7 AM - 6 PM (M-F), 9 AM - 1 PM (SA)	\$100, \$200, \$300
Concord	7 AM - 8 PM (M-SA), 8 AM - 6 PM (SU)	None
Dedham	7 AM - 9 PM	\$100, \$300
Medfield	7 AM - 7 PM	None
Natick	7 AM - 7:30 PM (M-F), 8 AM - 6 PM (SA-SU)	None
Needham	7 AM - 8 PM	\$50
Westwood	7 AM - 7 PM (M-SA), 12 - 7 PM (SU)	\$100, \$200, \$300
Winchester	7 AM - 6 PM (M-F), 9 AM - 5 PM (SA)	\$100, \$200, \$300

Voting implications

Passes by simple majority (>50%)

Dover and its residents are protected by a bylaw that is expected to reduce outdoor construction noise and activity.

Fails to pass by simple majority (≤50%)

Dover and its residents may continue to see a rise in incidents of excessive outdoor construction noise and activity, including during off-hours.

Thank you

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS