

GOAL NM 1 **Manage Noise:** Limit unwanted, excessive, and harmful noise to protect public health, wellness, and safety.



Promoting
Health, Wellness
and Safety

- POLICY NM 1.1 **Noise data.** Ensure the availability and quality of noise source data through periodic noise measurement, mapping, and monitoring to support noise mitigation efforts.
- POLICY NM 1.2 **Land use compatibility.** Ensure compatibility between land uses by separating and buffering noise-producing* and noise-sensitive* land uses through land use designation, zoning, and site design.
- POLICY NM 1.3 **Design and construction methods.** Minimize the exposure of noise-sensitive land uses to noise through noise-reducing design and construction methods.
- POLICY NM 1.4 **Siting and lot size flexibility.** Allow flexibility in siting and lot size standards for noise mitigation purposes.
- POLICY NM 1.5 **Consistency between plans and standards.** Ensure compatibility between noise mitigation standards found in the Comprehensive Plan, Hillsboro Municipal Code, and Community Development Code, as well as alignment with standards found in other plans, such as the Hillsboro Airport Master Plan and Compatibility Study and the Transportation System Plan.
- POLICY NM 1.6 **Train horn quiet zone.** Pursue the establishment of a train horn quiet zone* in Hillsboro.
- POLICY NM 1.7 **Noise management coordination.** Coordinate noise management efforts across City departments and with other entities, including the Port of Portland.

* Asterisks indicate terms with specific definitions included at the end of this section.

DEFINITIONS

Noise-producing land use: Uses that can be expected to regularly generate significant recurring, intermittent, or continuous noise emissions, often including but not limited to vehicular traffic, transportation facilities (including airports, rail corridors, and stations), and certain industrial and commercial uses.

Noise-sensitive land use: Uses that may be subject to stress and/or significant interference from noise, often including but not limited to parks, open space, residences, hospitals, hotels, schools, libraries, churches and similar uses. Occupied habitat for threatened or endangered wildlife species may also be considered noise-sensitive.

Train horn quiet zone: Railroad grade crossing(s) where trains are prohibited from sounding their horns. The train horns can be silenced only when other safety measures compensate for the absence of the horns.

REVIEW HISTORY

Date	Reviewed By
12.15.15	Internal Committee Meeting – <i>Comments Incorporated</i>
1.4.16	Technical Advisory Committee – <i>Comments Incorporated</i>
1.21.16	Citizen Advisory Committee – <i>Comments Incorporated</i>
4.13.16	Planning Commission – <i>Comments Incorporated</i>

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