

TABLE HAZ-1 Exterior Noise Compatibility Standards for Various Land Uses	
Land Use Type	Highest Level of Exterior Noise Exposure that is Regarded as “Normally Acceptable”^a (Ldn^b or CNEL^c)
Residential: Single-Family Homes, Duplex, Mobile Home	60
Residential: Townhomes and Multi-Family Apartments and Condominiums	65
Urban Residential Infill ^d and Mixed-Use Projects ^e	70
Lodging: Motels and Hotels	65
Schools, Libraries, Churches, Hospitals, Nursing Homes	70
Auditoriums, Concert Hall, Amphitheaters	Mitigation based on site-specific study
Sports Arena, Outdoor Spectator Sports	Mitigation based on site-specific study
Playgrounds, Neighborhood Parks	70
Golf Courses, Riding Stables, Water Recreation, Cemeteries	75
Office Buildings: Business, Commercial, and Professional	70
Industrial Manufacturing, Utilities, Agriculture	75

Source: Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, *State of California General Plan Guidelines 2003*, October 2003.

- a. As defined in the *State of California General Plan Guidelines 200*, “Normally Acceptable” means that the specified land uses is satisfactory, based upon the assumption that any building involved is of normal conventional construction, without any special noise mitigation. For projects located along major transportation corridors (major freeways, arterials, and rail lines) this “normally acceptable” exterior noise level may be exceeded for certain areas of the project site (e.g. the frontage adjacent to the corridor or parking areas) with the exception of primary open space areas (see policies HAZ-8.5 and HAZ-8.6).
- b. Ldn or Day Night Average is an average 24-hour noise measurement that factors day and night noise levels.
- c. CNEL or Community Noise Equivalent Level measurements are a weighted average of sound levels gathered throughout a 24-hour period.
- d. Urban residential infill would include all types of residential development within existing or planned urban areas (such as Downtown, The Cannery Neighborhood, and the South Hayward BART Urban Neighborhood) and along major corridors (such as Mission Boulevard).
- e. Mixed-Use Projects would include all mixed-use developments throughout the City of Hayward.