



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** August 21, 2018

**TITLE:** Ordinance Amending the Noise Ordinance Relating to the Construction of Large Projects Providing for an Exemption for Time to Comply and to Allow Certain Construction Activity to Occur outside of the Established Parameters

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an ordinance to allow certain construction activity to occur outside the parameters established in the current Noise Ordinance.

**Background**

Pursuant to Section 17-8 of the Code of Ordinances, construction operations are permitted between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday. There are certain construction projects and tasks that are difficult to accomplish within the limited timeframe. One common process, concrete pours, require one long, continuous period that, depending on the size of the project, may take more hours than the Noise Ordinance permits. Once the pour process starts, there can be no break in activity as the concrete must be put in place before it hardens. Often, that process cannot be completed by 7 p.m. The extended hours will also relieve some of the traffic congestion caused by concrete trucks lined up on the street during the day, when traffic is the heaviest.

This ordinance amendment would authorize the City Manager to grant special permits, which provide an exemption from the Noise Ordinance under special circumstances where the absence of an exemption will cause a hardship for the contractor. The permit shall be for a specific period of time and shall include a start date and a finish date. A notice must be posted in at least two places on the perimeter of the construction site during the life of the permit, which is no more than 30 days (with a 15-day extension, if necessary). The City Manager would also have the ability to refer approval of a special permit to the City Commission.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal year 2018 impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the south Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.
- Objective 2: Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate
- Initiative 5: Annually review and streamline the development and permitting process to reflect business and customer feedback and trends

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Prosperous*.

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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