

# NOISE ORDINANCE INFORMATION

## Noise Information for Usual Operations

GFPS is committed to being good neighbors to the Little Russell neighborhood just as we have been at the previous GFPS Buildings and Grounds Department that was located at the former Lowell School (3117 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.). The equipment (pickup trucks, vans, etc.) that will be housed at the Little Russell site are the same as those that have been used for years at the previous GFPS Buildings & Grounds site at the former Lowell School with no complaints from the neighbors living in houses that are located much closer to that GFPS property than those at the Central Ave. W. site.

The District is aware of the Chapter 56 Noise Ordinance. You can access that ordinance here: ([www.municode.com/library/mt/great\\_falls/\\_codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT8HESA\\_CH56NO\\_8.56.020LONOPR](http://www.municode.com/library/mt/great_falls/_codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT8HESA_CH56NO_8.56.020LONOPR) )

Just like at the Lowell site, the District does not intend to violate the levels and quiet hours outlined in the Ordinance at the Central Ave. W. site.

## Noise Information for Construction

The District does anticipate additional noise to be generated while the new building is under construction and while the old building is being updated. The District's contractors will be informed of the noise ordinance to include the section that deals with prohibited noise.

Within the prohibited section outlined in 8.56.030 letter **J** notes the following for Construction Projects or Repair of Buildings: *Operating equipment or performing any construction or repair work between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on buildings, structures or projects or operating any pile driver, steam shovel, pneumatic hammer, derrick, steam or electric hoist or other construction-type device in such a manner as to disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any normally sensitive and reasonable person.*

As noted then, noise associated with the construction project may begin at 7:00 am. The contractors will try to do most of the noisy work after 8:00 am, however there may be times (like pouring concrete for example) that it will be necessary to start at 7:00 am.

8.56.060 also exempts the level of noises for noise caused by home or building repair or grounds maintenance between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The ordinance contemplates the fact that community progress in the form of new construction creates noise that is above and beyond the usual noise of a site.

