

DRAFT PHASEOUT ORDINANCE WITH HISTORIC AND MAINTENANCE AIRCRAFT
EXEMPTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. _____(DRAFT – VNY)

An ordinance approving a Regulation proposed by Resolution No. 17154 and revised by Resolution No. _____ of the Board of Airport Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles amending Ordinance No. 155,727, known as the Van Nuys Noise Abatement and Curfew Regulation, to add Sections 5.2 and 5.3, thereby adopting maximum noise levels for aircraft operations at Van Nuys Airport.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Regulation, proposed by Resolution No. 17154 of the Board of Airport Commissioners on June 13, 1990, and revised by Resolution No. _____, is hereby approved. The Regulation contained in Resolution No. _____ provides an additional noise abatement regulation for aircraft at Van Nuys Airport (VNY).

Sec. 2. Ordinance No. 155,727 of the City of Los Angeles is amended by adding two new sections to read as follows:

Sec. 5.2. Aircraft Operations - Maximum Noise Levels. No person shall pilot, operate, or permit to be operated any aircraft in violation of the following:

(a) On or after January 1, 2009: No aircraft may arrive or depart the Airport whose Advisory Circular 36-3A, as amended (AC-36-3), takeoff noise level equals or exceeds 85 dBA.

(b) On or after January 1, 2011: No aircraft may arrive or depart the Airport whose AC 36-3 takeoff noise level equals or exceeds 83 dBA.

(c) On or after January 1, 2014: No aircraft may arrive or depart the Airport whose AC 36-3 takeoff noise level equals or exceeds 80 dBA.

(d) On or after January 1, 2016: No aircraft may arrive or depart the Airport whose AC 36-3 takeoff noise level equals or exceeds 77 dBA.

Sec. 5.3. Exemptions from Maximum Noise Levels. The following aircraft shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 5.2 of this Regulation:

(a) Military aircraft and any government-owned or operated aircraft involved in law enforcement, emergency, fire or rescue operations.

(b) Aircraft of a type or class not included in AC 36-3 for which evidence has been furnished to the Board that the departure noise of the aircraft will not

exceed the applicable takeoff noise level restriction set forth in Section 5.2 of this Regulation. An applicant for an exemption under this subsection shall provide appropriate information to validate the aircraft's ability to comply with this Regulation. The Board reserves the right to validate the aircraft's compliance ability through the utilization of actual flight noise measurements.

(c) Aircraft that have been identified by the Federal Aviation Administration in writing as having a lower takeoff noise level than the applicable takeoff noise level restriction in Section 5.2.

(d) Aircraft engaged in a bona fide medical or life-saving emergency for which acceptable evidence has been submitted in writing to the General Manager within 72 hours prior to or subsequent to the arrival or departure.

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(f) Historic Aircraft: Exemptions shall be provided to historic aircraft under the following conditions:

(1) Aircraft of types first flown prior to January 1, 1950, shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 5.2 of this Regulation.

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(3) The Board shall review the exemption provisions related to historic aircraft on or before January 1, 2019, and every ten years thereafter, to consider and recommend appropriate revisions to this section of the Regulation.

(g) Repair and Maintenance: Until January 1, 2016, exemptions shall be provided to aircraft conducting operations associated with performance of major repairs or major alterations, required maintenance inspections related to major repairs or major alterations, or systems installations and warranty work (collectively, "work") provided all of the following conditions are fully satisfied:

(1) Prior to the day of arrival of the aircraft the Airport Manager receives a written "work notice" containing the anticipated date of arrival, the name of the aircraft owner and operator, the aircraft type and registration "N" number, the name of the company or entity contracted to perform the work, a description of the work to be performed, and an estimate of the duration of the stay; and

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- (3) The aircraft owner or operator obtains a written permit from the Airport Manager authorizing an exemption under this subsection prior to or within 24 hours of arrival of the aircraft at the Airport; and
- (4) The application for the aforementioned written permit identifies any flight test operations that will be conducted at VNY that are associated with the work; and
- (5) The aircraft owner or operator complies with all conditions and terms stated in the written permit granted by the Airport Manager, including but not limited to mandatory daytime hours for flight arrivals, departures, and any test operations associated with the work; and
- (6) The aircraft owner or operator provides written notice of departure to the Airport Manager within 24 hours of departure from the Airport.

For purposes of this exemption, “major repairs” and “major alterations” are defined by FAR Part 43, Appendix A and do not include “preventive maintenance” as defined by FAR Part 43, Appendix A.

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Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _____.

FRANK T. MARTINEZ, City Clerk

By _____
Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

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By _____
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