

Proposed Amendments to the Noise Control Ordinance for Control over Domestic Renovation Noise

1. Scope of control



Domestic interior
renovation

2. Tools under control



Percussive breakers



Percussive drills



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Content of control



- Prohibit the use of > 10kg percussive breakers
- Prohibit the use of light duty percussive breakers and percussive drills on Saturdays, Sundays and general holidays
- Control on working days and time of light duty percussive breakers and percussive drills




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 Percussive Breaker		
	Option 1	Option 2
Advance notification*	\$500	\$100
No. of working days	5 working days	8 working days
Working period (other than Saturdays, Sundays and general holidays)	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

***Notification on use of breaker 3 days in advance is necessary (valid for two months). Subsequent notifications will be valid for one month, during which percussive breakers will be allowed to operate for 2 consecutive working days. The fee is \$500 (Option1) ; \$100 (Option2).**



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 Percussive Drill		
	Option 1	Option 2
Notification	Not required	
No. of working days	No limit	
Working period (other than Saturdays, Sundays and general holidays)	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Not covered under the scope of control



- Individual houses
- External walls/roofs/windows
- Installation of wall decorations/
domestic equipment (hanging
frames, lighting fixtures and
furniture, etc.)
- Common areas of buildings

It shall be a defence to show that contravening the regulation arise in pursuance of prevention of injury to any person/ saving of the life of any person/ prevention of damage to property, where the circumstances placing the property in danger of being damaged could not reasonably have been foreseen (e.g. urgent repair to fix bursting freshwater pipes).

