

To: Mayor Harris and the City Council
Fr: Ron Chandler/Mel Blanchard
Dt: August 7, 2012
Re: Application for a permit for relief from noise level restrictions.

Section 5-3-6 of the City code states “The operation of any commercial power equipment shall only be allowed between the hours of seven o’clock (7:00) A.M. and ten o’clock (10:00) P.M., and only when in compliance with established noise levels of this chapter.”

Section 5-3-12 of the City code states “Applications for a permit for relief from the noise level designated in this chapter may be made to the City Council.

North Ogden hired Mike Zimmerman Well Service from Magna, Utah to provide exploratory drilling for a water well. He plans to drill East of the Canal on Mountain Road at 2600 North - on the City property south of the equestrian arena. Zimmerman has requested to drill 24 hours a day so that we do not run the risk of having the hole collapse as it did at the North Ogden Canyon site. He can also complete the project in 2 to 3 weeks rather than 6 weeks when drilling from 7a.m. to 10 p.m. The risk of the hole collapsing is that Zimmerman does not leave the drill in the ground if he is not working the hole. If the hole caved or collapsed in against hundreds of feet of drill pipe he could not free it up and would lose the drill pipe and equipment in the hole. If this happens, we will lose the time and money we have put into that site. In addition, it is not cost effective to put hundreds of feet of drill pipe in and drill for half the day just to pull it all back out before the end of the day. Zimmerman intends to erect sound walls to reduce the noise levels in the area and is working on getting us some photos of a site he has worked with the sound walls up. Mel will discuss the sound walls in more detail during your meeting.