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### MM22.38 Overriding of City Noise By-law

The South Armour Heights Residents' Association (SAHRA) represents the area from the 401 down to Brooke/ from Yonge Blvd over to Avenue Road, approximately 875 households.

In Ontario Regulation 130/20 the Province of Ontario decided to override the City of Toronto Act, to relax the construction provisions of the Construction Noise By-law. The City's noise by-law permits construction equipment to operate Monday to Friday 7 am to 7pm, Saturdays 9 am to 7 pm, and not at all on Sundays and statutory holidays. We could understand allowing construction equipment to operate at any time of the day or night for construction required for pandemic management such as the building of temporary hospital facilities until **October, 2021**. But the extension of construction to these hours was extended for ALL healthcare facilities, including those which have no connection to the fight against the pandemic.

Furthermore, we do not understand why the hours of construction have been extended to 6 a.m. through 10 p.m. every day, for non-healthcare facilities, and specifically to projects providing residential homes. In our opinion, these projects provide nothing to the fight against the pandemic.

The City's noise by-law was enacted to protect the health of the public from excessive noise. The by-law should be overridden only to deal with a greater health issue. We therefore strongly support the City of Toronto in their request to the Province of Ontario to repeal Limitation 2 of Ontario Regulation 130/20.

Yours truly,

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