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**SUBJECT: Expiry of Temporary Regulations (130/20 and 131/20) Limiting
Municipal Authority to Regulate Construction Noise**

Dear Head of Council:

As you may know, as part of the Province's measures to respond to COVID-19, in April 2020, our government introduced temporary limits on municipal authority to regulate noise from construction to help support expedited construction of healthcare and other projects. I am writing to update you that **these changes are scheduled to expire on October 7, 2021.**

The temporary measures have supported construction of critical healthcare-related infrastructure, while helping to protect the health and safety of construction workers throughout the pandemic.

From October 7 onwards, municipalities will again have the authority to regulate construction noise in their communities at all times of day and night. Should there be priority projects that a municipality wishes to help expedite, as before, municipalities can explore addressing those projects through their local noise bylaws. If your municipality has any questions on these changes, I would encourage you to contact your local [Municipal Services Office](#).

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration throughout the COVID-19 emergency. I look forward to continuing to work together to support Ontario's communities.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Clark.

Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c: The Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development
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