

Noise Study Analysis

SITE - CA002_CLC_CULVER_023 • 11622 Port Rd. Culver City, CA 90230

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Executive Summary

Crown Castle has contracted MobileNet Services to evaluate the output acoustical noise levels of a proposed small cell site and its compliancy with those of the limits set forth by the municipality of Culver City, CA. Crown Castle proposes to install (3) Ericsson SM6705 integrated 5G panel type antenna units mounted on an existing wooden utility pole in the public right-of-way near 11622 Port Rd. Culver City, CA 90230. Noise from the proposed operation of this site will comply with the City's appropriate noise limits/regulations.



Site Name: CA002_CLC_CULVER_023 Latitude: 33.991039° Longitude: -118.403864° Structure Type: Wooden Utility Pole Address: 11622 Port Rd. Culver City, CA 90230

Current Municipal Standards

The City of Culver City establishes guidelines pertaining to limits on maximum noise levels in the General Plan Noise Element Document. Table N.3 Interior and Exterior Noise Standards, shown below, defines Community Noise Equivalent Levels (CNEL) for different categories of land use. The proposed location of the site places it in an area zoned for commercial usage.

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Proposed Land Use Categories		Design Standard CNEL	
Categories	Uses	Interior	Exterior
Residential	Single Family, Duplex,	45ª	65
	Multiple Family	45	65
	Mobile Home		65 ^b
Commercial Industrial Institutional	Hotel, Motel, Transient Lodging	45	65°
	Commercial Retail, Bank, Restaurant	55	-
	Office Building, Research and Development, Professional Offices, City Office Building	50	-
	Amphitheater, Concert Hall, Auditorium, Meeting Hall	45	-
	Gymnasium (Multipurpose)	50	-
	Sports Club	55	
	Manufacturing, Warehousing, Wholesale, Utilities	65	
	Movie Theatres	45	
Institutional	Hospital, School Classroom	45	65
	Church, Library	45	
Open Space	Parks	-	65

Table 1: Culver City General Plan Noise Element – Interior and Exterior Noise Standards

- No applicable standard.

^a Noise level requirement with closed windows. Mechanical ventilation system or other means of natural ventilation shall be provided as of Chapter 12, Section 1205 of the 1974 Uniform Building Code.

Exterior noise levels should be such that interior noise level will not exceed 45 decibels Community Noise Equivalent Level.
Except those areas affected by aircraft noise.

Source: Culver City 1973, as amended (Noise Element)

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Fundamentals and Calculation Methodology

The amplitude of pressure waves generated by a sound source determines the loudness of that source. Sound pressure amplitude is measured in micro-Pascals (mPa). One mPa is approximately one hundred billionth (0.0000000001) of normal atmospheric pressure. Sound pressure amplitudes for different kinds of noise environments can range from less than 100 to 100,000,000 mPa. Because of this huge range of values, sound is rarely expressed in terms of mPa. Instead, a logarithmic scale is used to describe sound pressure level (SPL) in terms of decibels (dB). The threshold of hearing for young people is about 0 dB, which corresponds to 20 mPa.

However, the decibel scale alone does not adequately characterize how humans perceive noise.

Human hearing is limited in the range of audible frequencies as well as in the way it perceives the SPL in that range. In general, people are most sensitive to the frequency range of 1,000–8,000 Hz and perceive sounds within that range better than sounds of the same amplitude in higher or lower frequencies. To approximate the response of the human ear, sound levels of individual frequency bands are weighted, depending on the human sensitivity to those frequencies. Then, an "A-weighted" sound level (expressed in units of dBA) can be computed based on this information.

The A-weighting network approximates the frequency response of the average young ear when listening to most ordinary sounds. This frequency response (shown below) as defined by the International Standard IEC 61672:2003 is incorporated into most calibrated field test equipment used to measure noise level.



A-weighting Curve

The table below describes typical A-weighted noise levels for various noise sources.

Common Outdoor Activities	Noise Level (dBA)	Common Indoor Activities			
	— 110 —	Rock band			
Jet fly-over at 1000 feet					
	<u> </u>				
Gas lawn mower at 3 feet					
	— 90 —				
Diesel truck at 50 feet at 50 mph		Food blender at 3 feet			
	<u> </u>	Garbage disposal at 3 feet			
Noisy urban area, daytime					
Gas lawn mower, 100 feet	— 70 —	Vacuum cleaner at 10 feet			
Commercial area		Normal speech at 3 feet			
Heavy traffic at 300 feet	— 60 —				
		Large business office			
Quiet urban daytime	— 50 —	Dishwasher next room			
Quiet urban nighttime	— 40 —	Theater, large conference room (background)			
Quiet suburban nighttime					
	— 30 —	Library			
Quiet rural nighttime		Bedroom at night, concert hall (background)			
	— 20 —				
		Broadcast/recording studio			
	— 10 —				
Lowest threshold of human hearing	<u> </u>	Lowest threshold of human hearing			
Source: Caltrans 2013.					

Manufacturers of a variety of equipment such as but not limited to HVAC systems, power generators and telecommunication devices will usually test their products to determine the noise level at a particular known set distance. From this information provided by the manufacturers we can determine the corresponding sound pressure level at any distance such as nearby buildings and or property lines with the following formula:

$$SPL_2 = SPL_1 - 20 \log (r_2/r_1),$$
 ... (1)

where SPL_1 is the noise level at distance r_1 and SPL_2 is the noise level at distance r_2 .

Because decibels are logarithmic units, SPL cannot be added or subtracted through ordinary arithmetic. Under the decibel scale, a doubling of sound energy corresponds to a 3-dB increase. In other words, when two identical sources are each producing sound of the same loudness, the resulting sound level at a given distance would be 3 dB higher than one source under the same conditions. Mathematically we can also calculate the addition of multiple sources by the following formula:

$$SPL_{\text{Total}} = 10 \log \left[10^{SPL_1/10} + 10^{SPL_2/10} + 10^{SPL_3/10} \dots + 10^{SPL_N/10} \right], \qquad \dots (2)$$

where SPL_1 and SPL_N are the separate sound pressure level, and N is the total number of individual noise sources.

Proposed Equipment

Based on the information provided by Crown Castle the carrier plans to install (3) Ericsson SM6705 integrated 5G panel type antennas mounted on an existing wooden utility pole in the public right-of-way adjacent to a Residentially (Low Density Single Family) classified zone of Culver City. The nearest property line to the noise source is approximately 15 feet to the South.

Study Results

Per the manufacturers' specification sheet, the maximum noise level is as follows:

Equipment	Maximum Noise Level (dBA)	Reference Distance (meters)
Ericsson Streetmacro 6705	51*	1

*Adjusted valued based on manufactured data to reflect the average yearly high temperature in Culver City of 78°F

It is assumed that there are no other stationary noise sources nearby. Therefore, the maximum calculated noise level for the combined continuous operation of the three 5G integrated antennas is 42.6 dBA. This is below the City's most restrictive Exterior A-Weighted Noise Level of 65 dBA for the exterior of a residentially designated zoned areas of Culver City.

Conclusion

From the analysis above and all provided information it is believed that the operation of the Crown Castle small cell, located at 11622 Port Rd. Culver City, CA 90230 will comply with that City's requirements for limiting the emission of noise levels.

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Certification

I certify that the attached Noise Study analysis and report for CA002_CLC_CULVER_023, located at 11622 Port Rd. Culver City, CA 90230 is correct to the best of my knowledge, and all calculations, assumptions and conclusions are based on generally acceptable engineering practices.



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