



Zoning Resolution

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For the purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined:

Decibel

A “decibel” is a unit of measurement of the intensity of sound (the sound pressure level).

Impact noise analyzer

An “impact noise analyzer” is an instrument used in conjunction with the #sound level meter# to measure the peak intensities of short duration sounds.

Octave band

An “octave band” is one of a series of eight bands which cover the normal range of frequencies included in sound measurements. Such #octave bands# serve to define the sound in terms of its pitch components.

Octave band analyzer

An “octave band analyzer” is an instrument used in conjunction with a #sound level meter# to measure sound in each of eight #octave bands#.

Sound level meter

A “sound level meter” is an instrument standardized by the American Standards Association, which is used for measurement of the intensity of sound and is calibrated in #decibels#.