

Quarry Commission Happenings

On May 9, 2011, the Quarry Commission met for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Commission reviewed the blasting data for the eight blasts in April, none of which were significant. One citizen, a resident of Georg Ranch, did complain about the blast of May 6th and commented that the blast effects are getting worse. As requested by the citizen, a seismograph will be placed at his home for the next month. The Commission then discussed, at length, the current and proposed draft Ordinance 34 and the questions and comments made by citizens regarding Ordinance 34 at the last City Commission meeting. (At the bottom of this column you will find a comparison of key blasting limits in the current and proposed draft of Ordinance 34.) If you wish to complain about a blast or have comments for the Quarry Commission, contact City Hall at 651-6632 or visit the city's home page, where you will find the Citizens' Blast Report. If you are interested in having a seismograph placed on your property or would like to serve on the Quarry Commission, please contact City Hall. Citizens are strongly encouraged to attend the next regularly scheduled Quarry Commission meeting which will be held on June 13, 2011 at 7 pm.

Comparison of	Current Ordinance 34	Proposed Ordinance 34
Days / Hours for blasting	7 days/week / daylight hours	Weekdays / 9 am to 4:30 pm
Minimum distance from citizens' property	No limit	Minimum of 1,000 ft
Ground vibration	2.0 in/sec considered safe with no provision made for frequency	0.35 in/sec at critical frequencies (federal limit 0.75 in/sec) with limits varied for other frequencies
Air Blast	No limit	125 db (federal limit 133 db)