

Noise Bylaw Fact Sheet

General Prohibitions

Persons are prohibited from the following:

- Operation of an engine without an effective muffling system
- Make, create or allow to be made any noise that may:
 - Annoy, inconvenience or disturb a person
 - Cause loss of enjoyment of the normal use of property
 - Interfere with the normal conduct of business
 - Cause damage to property
- Playing of music in a public place at a level that disturbs the comfort or repose of another person
- Allow an animal to create a noise that disturbs the comfort or repose of another person
- Knowingly allow any noise to be created on property under a person's control that disturbs the comfort or repose of another person

Allowable Noise Levels

55 dB(A)	In a Residential area Monday thru Friday from 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM, & 9:00 PM to 9:00 AM on Saturday, Sunday and Statutory Holidays
65 dB(A)	In a Residential area Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM, & 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Saturday, Sunday and Statutory Holidays
75 dB(A)	At all times in a Business, Commercial and Light Industrial areas
86 dB(A)	Motorcycles
90 dB(A)	Vehicles with a gross vehicle rating of over 6000 lbs
80 dB(A)	All other vehicles

Lawnmowers, Snow Blowers etc.

Domestic equipment like lawnmowers, rototillers and snow blowers are exempt from the allowable noise levels when used between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Applying For An Exemption

Anyone can apply for an exemption to the regulations set out in the bylaw by submitting a written request to the Office of the Chief of Police. The request must include the following information:

- The full name and address of the applicant
- A description of the sound for which the exemption is being requested
- The period of time the exemption is sought
- The reasons why the exemption should be granted
- Any other information that is pertinent or requested
- A statement of facts giving the steps being taken or planned to bring the noise within the requirements of the bylaw

The Chief of Police may grant or refuse the exemption.

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