

# 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

**Please submit all exemption requests at least two weeks prior to the requested start date, if not submitted within this time frame your exemption may not be processed.**

The Chief of Police may grant or refuse the exemption.

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