



REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

Strengthening the Noise Chapter Governing Loudspeakers and Other Amplified Sound Projected in Residential Neighbourhoods

Date:	November 2, 2012
To:	Licensing and Standards Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	All Wards

City Council Decision

City Council on October 30, 31 and November 1, 2012, referred Motion MM27.6 to the Licensing and Standards Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council amend Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 591, Noise by adding to Prohibition 591-2.1, the words "or any residential neighbourhood", so that it reads:

"A. Loudspeakers and other amplified sound projected on streets or public places *or any residential neighbourhood*

(1) No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from the operation of any electronic device or group of connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers or other electro mechanical transducers, intended for the production, reproduction or amplification of sound, that projects noise beyond the lot line of the property from which the noise emanates and into any street or public place *or any residential neighbourhood.*"

Summary

I am requesting a minor addition to the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 591 governing noise. Article II of Chapter 591 does set out the general prohibition (591-2) that "No person shall make, cause or permit noise or vibration, at any time, which is likely to

disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the inhabitants of the City." Article II also sets out the specific provision (591-2.1) that "No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from the operation of any electronic device or group of connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers or other electro mechanical transducers, intended for the production, reproduction or amplification of sound, that projects noise beyond the lot line of the property from which the noise emanates and into any street or public place."

While Prohibition 591-2 is clear that no one shall make noise that disturbs the enjoyment of others in the City, Prohibition 591-2.1 only sets out that this noise shall not be made on "any street or public place". I request "or any residential neighbourhood" be added to Prohibition 591-2.1 to ensure that the enjoyment of people's backyards free of amplified noise is also clearly protected under the Municipal Code. I believe this addition falls under the intent of Prohibition 591-2.

(Submitted to City Council on October 30, 31 and November 1, 2012 as MM27.6)