

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM36.46	ACTION			Ward: All
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Automated Sound Radar to Combat Loud Vehicle Noise - "Noise Radar" - by Councillor Ana Bailao, seconded by Frances Nunziata

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Ana Bailao, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager of Transportation Services, the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards and the City Solicitor to review and report back to the Executive Committee in the first quarter of 2022 outlining the feasibility of implementing an automated "noise radar" system in residential communities across the City, including details on what legislative amendments would be required to provincial legislation including, but not limited to, the Ontario Highway Traffic Act.

Summary

This past summer, the Toronto Police Service and City By-Law Enforcement Officers conducted a joint program to identify and ticket vehicle operators whose vehicles were making excessively loud noise. Many vehicles operate at night in communities where their excessive noise interferes with people who are trying to sleep. These loud vehicles are often also operating at speeds that are excessive and dangerous. Many cities across the world recognize, as we do in Toronto, that this is a problem that requires more innovative and effective solutions. In 2019, the City of Paris commenced testing a "noise radar" system that was automated. They have been joined by other French municipalities. The proposed automated testing system would automatically detect, identify and then issue fines/tickets to vehicles making excessive noise in residential communities. With this issue becoming an increasingly challenging problem in Toronto, the City should review the possibility of implementing automated noise radar enforcement across the City's residential communities.

Background Information (City Council)

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