

Noise Exemption Permit

Overview

This application for a Noise Exemption Permit consists of a mandatory submission page as well as unique appendices for each of the types of permits.

APPENDIX 1	Amplified Sound
APPENDIX 2	Construction Activity
APPENDIX 3	Continuous Concrete Pouring and/or Large Crane Work
APPENDIX 4	Other

Please complete the mandatory submission page as well as the appropriate appendix.

Who to contact for more information:

If you would like more information or require this in an alternate format to be accessible, please contact the Municipal Licensing & Standards (ML&S) Noise Team. Offices are open Monday to Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM, except on holidays.

Noise Team
1530 Markham Road, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M1B 3G4
Email Address: NoiseTO@toronto.ca
Phone: 416-392-4380

Noise Regulations and Exemption

Toronto Municipal Code [Chapter 591](#) Noise, provides regulations for noise in the city with the intention of reducing the impact of unwanted in the sound on the inhabitants of the City.

The noise bylaw also allows for circumstances where an exception to the regulated time and sound level requirements in the bylaw may be exceeded through a Noise Exemption Permit process as long as conditions have been met.

Who needs to apply?

People who are responsible for one or more events or activities that may be in contravention of the noise bylaw may apply for a Noise Exemption Permit. The types of activities could include: construction noises outside the allowable hours, including continuous concrete pouring and large crane work or special events that facilitate amplified sounds.

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Application Process & Fees

Noise Exemption Permits are provided in 591-3.2. On receipt of an application that is satisfactory to Municipal Licensing and Standards (ML&S), ML&S provides notice, in writing, to the local Ward Councillor(s) where the event or activity is to be held. The Councillor(s) has 14 days to review and respond to the notice. ML&S approves the application if:

- the Councillor(s) does not respond within 14 days, or responds indicating that they have no objection to the application being approved;
- the applicant has complied, to the satisfaction of ML&S, with the last exemption permit issued to them (if applicable);
- the applicant has provided information as requested by ML&S (such as the purpose of the exemption permit, the description of any sound equipment, contact information, etc.); and
- the applicant has paid all required fees.

Under 591-3.2 E (1), where ML&S refuses to grant Noise Exemption Permit, the applicant is notified in writing that they may appeal the decision to the Community Council which has jurisdiction for the location of the proposed event or activity. The timeline for filing the appeal is 21 days of the date of the notice. The appeal fee must also be paid.

Where an application for a Noise Exemption Permit is made for continuous concrete pouring or large crane work, the application is not sent to the local Councillor(s). An exemption permit for continuous concrete pouring and large crane work may be issued if the information requested by ML&S is satisfactory and the conditions of the permit have been met.

Applicants must apply for a permit at least four weeks before the event or activity is to occur and understand further information may be requested.

How to apply:

Noise Exemption Permit applications can be submitted by email, regular mail, or in-person. **All applicants must also pay the \$100 application fee.** Choose ONE of the following methods to apply:

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1. EMAIL

Email the completed application to NoiseTO@toronto.ca. Once the application has been submitted, applicants will receive an invoice number by email. This invoice can then be paid online at the City of Toronto [Licensing Services Payments web page](#).

2. IN-PERSON

Submit the completed application and pay the fee in person at this office from 8:30AM to 4:00PM:

Licence & Permit Issuing Office
850 Coxwell Ave., 3rd floor
Toronto, ON M4C 5R1

3. REGULAR MAIL

Mail the completed application and cheque or money order to:

Bylaw Enforcement, Noise Team
1530 Markham Road, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON, M1B 3G4

Payment information:

The Business Licensing & Regulatory Services office accepts cash, cheques and money orders, credit, and debit. Cheques and money orders should be made payable to "City of Toronto Treasurer."

Monitoring fee:

This is an additional fee separate from the application fee. Some events may require noise monitoring by city staff. Upon review of a Noise Exemption Permit application, should the City deem noise monitoring to be a condition for permit approval, the applicant shall be notified. Payment of the assessed monitoring fee must be received prior to permit issuance. The monitoring fee is \$60 per hour per officer plus applicable taxes. Events occurring after 7 pm may require two officers.

Application Package

A Noise Exemption Permit application package must have the following:

- ☐ A completed Noise Exemption Permit application form
- ☐ The \$100 application fee (no tax)
- ☐ If previously required, supplementary reasons supporting an exemption permit
- ☐ The appropriate completed appendix

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Additional Information may be requested

Upon initial review of the Noise Exemption Permit application Municipal Licensing & Standards may require:

- 1. Reasons supporting an exemption permit.** You may be requested to provide supplementary reasons in greater detail in addition to the information required in this application.
- 2. Noise Mitigation Plan.** You may be required to submit a noise mitigation plan outlining actions to be taken to reduce and mitigate the impact of the noise event.
- 3. Statement certified by a professional engineer or acoustical consultant.** You may be required to submit a statement for any sounds that are not technically or operationally feasible to control.

Applicant Information

First Name		Last Name	
Street Number	Street Name		Suite/Unit Number
City/Town		Province	Postal Code
Work Telephone Number	Mobile Telephone Number		Email

Identify the organization and/or contact individual (below) who will be responsible for the activity or event requiring exemption, if it is different from the individual applying for the exemption.

Organization Information (if applicable)

Organization Name			
Street Number	Street Name		Suite/Unit Number
City/Town		Province	Postal Code
Business Telephone Number	Business Mobile Number		Business Email

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APPENDIX 1 – Amplified Sound

DISCLAIMER – Please note that, despite the issuance of a Noise Exemption Permit, all Events/Activities must be conducted in compliance with the requirements of the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020.

Location of Event

Location Name (if applicable)			
Street Number	Street Name		Suite/Unit Number
City/Town		Province	Postal Code
Other Location Information			
Is your event in a park? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Park Name and Park Permit No. (if applicable)	

Event Information

Event Name	Event Type
Describe the event and brief description of why a noise permit is required, including the type of noise impacts anticipated.	

NOT APPLICABLE

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Dates and Times

List the dates and times of your set up, events and tear down.

Set up

Set up date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

Start time

End time

Event/activity

Event date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

Start time

End time

Tear down

Tear down date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)

Start time

End time

Additional information about duration of event

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Equipment

Describe all sound equipment which will be used, how it will be used (e.g. music/speeches/addresses) and what types of sound control systems will be incorporated.

Mitigation Measures

Describe what steps you will take to reduce the impact of the noise. (E.g. measures could include positioning the speakers so the sound is directed away from residences.)

Staff on Site during Event

One or more people are required to be on-site supervising throughout the entire duration of the event, and are responsible to ensure compliance with the permit's terms. Please list their contact information here.

Name (First, Last)	Business Telephone Number (Site)
Position Title:	
Name (First, Last)	Business Telephone Number (Site)
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Attachments, if Required

ML&S may require after review of the initial permit application any or all these further attachments before a decision is made.

- ☐ 1) Reasons supporting an exemption permit, and/or
- ☐ 2) A Noise Mitigation Plan, and/or
- ☐ 3) A statement certified by a professional engineer or acoustical consultant

Required Conditions

If the exemption permit is granted, the applicant must abide by all conditions in the permit. This includes a notice of the exemption permit to be posted in a visible location where each event will occur 7 days prior to the event. This condition may be waived by ML&S.

Authorized Signature

By submitting this application for a Noise Exemption Permit, the Applicant shall at all times observe and comply with, and endeavour to ensure strict observance of and compliance with all statutory requirements, rules, regulations, by-laws, terms and conditions, or other authority which in any manner affect or related to this permit, including without limitation, the by-laws of the City of Toronto.

Note that an exemption permit is not guaranteed; a Noise Exemption Permit is issued pending approval from the area Councillor and all applicable fees paid. The application fee is non-refundable.

Applicant Signature	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)
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Note: It is an offence to knowingly provide false information in this application. Every person who fails to comply with an exemption permit issued is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of no more than \$100,000.

Municipal Licensing and Standards collects personal information on this form under the legal authority of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, SO 2006, Chapter 11, Schedule A, s 136 (c) and the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 591, Noise, s 591-10. The information is used to determine the eligibility for noise exemption permit(s) outside permitted hours and for further communication regarding the application. Questions about this collection can be directed to the Manager, Noise Team, 1530 Markham Rd, 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M1B 3G2 or by telephone at 416-392-4380.

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Appendix 2 – Construction Activity

Location of Construction Activity

Location of Building or Project Name (if applicable)			
Street Number	Street Name		Suite/Unit Number
City/Town		Province	Postal Code
Other Location Information (for example, if it is road work – on Dundas St W from Dufferin St to Bathurst St – please show on site plan)			
Was a Temporary Street Occupation Permit granted? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Permit # (Please attach)	

Construction Activity Information

Main Activity Type
Describe the activity and brief description of why a noise permit is required, including the type of noise impacts anticipated.

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Equipment

Describe in point form each type of construction equipment which will be used, how it will be used, and if appropriate what types of noise mitigation systems will be incorporated. (E.g. Diesel Generator to provide power to site will be placed furthest location from residents. Acoustical shroud installed.)

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Dates and Times

List the dates and start and end times of your construction activity. Note that any noise from any construction vehicle or activity outside the approved start and end times is prohibited. This includes any loading/unloading or back up warning of construction equipment.

Activity		
Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)	Start time	End time

Staff on Site during Event

One or more people are required to be on-site supervising throughout the entire duration of the event, and are responsible to ensure compliance with the permit's terms. Please list their contact information here.

Name (First, Last)	Business Telephone Number (Site)
Position Title:	
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Mitigation Measures – Site Organization

Describe what steps you will take to reduce the impact of the noise. (E.g. measures could include locating construction equipment away from residences, discouraging queuing of vehicles prior to site opening.)

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Mitigation Measures - Equipment

Describe what steps you will take to reduce the impact of the noise. (E.g. measures could include sound barriers to muffle generators.)

Mitigation Measures - Other

Describe what steps you will take to reduce the impact of the noise. (E.g. measures could include, training staff, traffic mitigation.)

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- ☐ 3) A statement certified by a professional engineer or acoustical consultant

Required Conditions

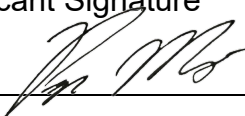
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Authorized Signature

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Appendix 3: Continuous Concrete Pouring and Large Crane Work

Location of Construction Activity

Location of Building or Project Name (if applicable)			
Street Number	Street Name		Suite/Unit Number
City/Town	Province	Postal Code	
Other Location Information (for example, if it is road work – on Dundas St W from Dufferin St to Bathurst St)			
Was a Temporary Road Closure Permit granted? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Permit # (Please attach)	

Construction Activity Information

Main Activity Type
Describe the activity and brief description of why a Noise Exemption Permit is required, including the type of noise impacts anticipated.

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Equipment

Describe in point form each type of construction equipment related to continuous pour and large crane that will be used, how it will be used, and if appropriate what types of noise mitigation systems will be incorporated.

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Dates and Times

List the dates and start and end times of your construction activity. For continuous pour operations identify the anticipated dates and start and end times. All other construction noise except identified in this permit shall be done in accordance to the noise bylaw.

Activity		
Date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)	Start time	End time

Mitigation Measures – Site Organization

Describe what steps you will take to reduce the impact of the noise. (E.g. measures could include locating construction equipment away from residences, discouraging queuing of vehicles prior to site opening.)

Mitigation Measures - Equipment

Describe what steps you will take to reduce the impact of the noise. (E.g. measures could include sound barriers to muffle generators.)

Mitigation Measures - Other

Describe what steps you will take to reduce the impact of the noise. (E.g. measures could include training staff, traffic mitigation.)

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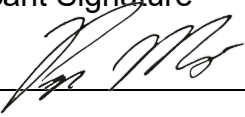
Required Conditions

If the exemption permit is granted, the applicant must abide by all conditions in the permit. This includes a notice of the exemption permit to be distributed to those within 120 metre radius of the activity at least 7 days prior to the event or activity.

Authorized Signature

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Location Name (if applicable)		
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Other Location Information		
Is your event in a park? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Park Name (if applicable)

Event Information

Event Name	Event Type
Describe the event and brief description of why a Noise Exemption Permit is required, including the type of noise impacts anticipated.	

Dates and Times

List the dates and times of your activity.		
Set up date(s) (yyyy-mm-dd)	Start time	End time

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Additional information about duration of event

Equipment

Describe all equipment which will be used, how it will be used and what types of sound control systems will be incorporated. If using amplified sound complete Appendix 1.

Mitigation Measures

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