



# 2026 Budget

January 20, 2025

# Introduction

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- Focused on the unnecessary noises that wake us up, keep us up and disturb us day and night.
- Federal Not For Profit with a Leadership Team of 17 people.
- Data, process & solutions oriented
- 1,000s of supporters across the city and beyond
- Member of the External Working Group for the Night Economy
- Also have met with the Noise Team in Municipal Licencing and Standards, Toronto Police Services, Toronto Public Health



# Why Noise Pollution

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## **Reducing noise benefits every single Torontonian**

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- young people - improves their cognitive functioning
- seniors - improves social connection and activity
- everyone else - improves mental and physical health and quality of life

# Our Requests

# 1. A Noise Task Force

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**Operational Efficiency:** Reducing the "back-and-forth" between divisions (MLS and TPS) to solve the issue of loud moving vehicles and other complicated scenarios.

**Fiscal Management:** Identifying technology-led enforcement solutions (like noise cameras and area sound level monitoring ) this will eventually reduce the need for expensive, manual oversight and enforcement.

**Service Excellence:** Improving resident outcomes by tackling noise across silos and divisions.

# Cost of a Noise Task Force

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## 4 Members:

- 2 - Municipal Licensing and Standards
- 1 - Toronto Police Services
- 1- Other City staff member (TPH or other)

4 people meeting monthly for 1 hour with an average salary of \$150k =  
**\$288.46 per meeting and \$3461.54 annually**

For less than \$4,000 a year in coordinated staff time,  
you can improve the outcomes and quality of life for almost all residents.

# 2. Funding for Noise Team

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## **24/7 Staffing**

From the January 2024 Operating Budget Briefing Note:

- Full 24/7 Option: Total Cost: **\$4,338,274**
- This is 0.02% of the \$18.9 billion Operating Budget.

**For less than 1% of the budget,**

the City can resolve the #1 nuisance complaint and improve quality of life for everyone.

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### Technology

Further invest in technology to streamline enforcement and explore proactive monitoring.

Such as:

- Area Sound Level monitoring for amplified sound
- Noise Cameras for moving motor vehicles
- Software to assist with data analysis



Area Sound  
Level Monitor



Noise Camera

# Why noise is important

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- Noise is a health hazard.
  - Toronto Public Health (TPH) is tasked with "reducing barriers and inequities that inhibit Torontonians from achieving health and wellbeing."
  - TPH is on mute when it comes to noise.
- It is an equity and accessibility issue
  - Studies have proven that marginalized communities are impacted disproportionately by noise pollution
    - TPH report "lowest income areas are 11% more likely to have 50% of residents impacted by unhealthy nighttime noise limits.
    - People with mental and cognitive disabilities can be impacted more
    - People who suffer from vision impairment cannot navigate the city safely.

# Recommendations

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Noise mitigation is a cost-effective way to improve the quality of life for millions and improve efficiency for the city.

## **We urge the Committee to:**

- **Formalize a Noise Task Force:** Bridge the gap between residents, MLS, TPS, TPH and other divisions.
- **Invest in Technology:** Use the Capital Budget to fund 24/7 Noise Team coverage and invest in technology to improve enforcement processes and response times.

# Let's Create a Better Toronto by Reducing Noise



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