

Noise Bylaw Review - Proposals Reference Sheet

The purpose of this Reference Sheet is to bring all of the bylaw options being considered by the City together on one page for ease of reference. **Pages 2-4** include detailed descriptions of each option. In each of the options, key differences from the Status Quo are shown in **red**.

Outstanding Bylaw Topics	Developing Proposals				
A. General Prohibition (e.g. general noise that is likely to disturb others)	1. Status quo	2. Relative to ambient	3. Time constraints	4. No general prohibition	
B. Power Equipment (e.g. leaf blowers)	1. Status quo	2. New time constraints	3. Leaf blowers – prohibition by distance	4. Leaf blowers – equipment standards and prohibition by distance	
C. Motor Vehicles	1. Status quo	2. Option for joint enforcement with TPS	3. Remove provisions enforced under the Highway Traffic Act		
D. Amplified Sound (e.g. music from bars)	1. Status quo	2. Time constraints	3. Decibel limits + relative to ambient		
E. Construction Noise (e.g. condo developments and residential infill)	1. Status quo	2. Updated time constraints + remove exemptions	3. Option 2 + exemption permit requirements	4. Noise Mitigation/Management Plan for all construction sites	
F. Exemption Permits	1. Status quo	2. Streamlined process + option to revoke	3. Delegated authority	4. Graduated exemptions	5. No exemption permits

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A. General Prohibition (e.g. general noise that is likely to disturb others)	1. Status quo 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.	2. Relative to ambient No person shall cause or permit noise, that exceeds the ambient sound level at a point of reception.	3. Time constraints No person shall cause or permit noise, which is out of the normal course of events/unusual/unreasonable and disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the inhabitants of the City from 7:30 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. the next day (9:30 a.m. on weekends and statutory holidays).	4. No general prohibition Remove general prohibition. All noise restrictions are covered through the specific prohibitions.
B. Power Equipment (e.g. leaf blowers)	1. Status quo A. No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from the operation of any power device below if clearly audible at a point of reception located in a prescribed area of the municipality within a prohibited time shown for such an area: Quiet Zone: 7:00 p.m. one day to 7:00 a.m. the next day, 9:00 a.m. Sundays and statutory holidays. Residential: 9:00 p.m. one day to 7:00 a.m. the next day, 9:00 a.m. Sundays and statutory holidays.	2. New time constraints A. No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from any power device, if clearly audible at a point of reception from 7:30 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. the next day (9:30 a.m. on weekends and statutory holidays). B. Subsection A shall not apply to any power device, tool or device for used for snow removal.	3. Leaf blowers – prohibition by distance Option 2 provisions + No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from a leaf blower, if clearly audible at a point of reception, XX m from a residential property. Could provide an exemption for golf courses for the use of any leaf blower.	4. Leaf blowers – equipment standards and prohibition by distance Option 3 provisions + No person shall operate a leaf blower unless the leaf blower meets the Category 1 - dB(A) <65 equipment standard of ANSI. Could provide an exemption for golf courses for the use of any leaf blower.
C. Motor Vehicles	1. Status quo No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from an act listed below if the sound is clearly audible at a point of reception: a) Racing of any motor vehicle... b) The operation of a motor vehicle in such a way that the tires squeal. c) The operation of a vehicle, engine, motor, construction equipment, or pneumatic device without an effective exhaust, intake-muffling device or other sound attenuation device... d) The operation of a vehicle or a vehicle with a trailer resulting in banging, clanking, squealing or other like sounds due to improperly secured load or equipment, or inadequate maintenance. e) The operation of a vehicle horn or other warning device except where required or authorized by law or in accordance with good safety practices. Vehicle repairs; loading and unloading: prohibited by time and place		2. Option for joint enforcement with TPS No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from an act listed below if the sound is clearly audible at a point of reception: a) Unnecessary motor vehicle noise , such as sounding of the horn, revving of engine, squealing of tires, banging, clanking or any like sounds. b) Repairing, rebuilding, modifying or testing a vehicle from 9:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. the next day (9:30 a.m. on weekends and statutory holidays) c) Loading, unloading, delivering, packing, unpacking , or otherwise handling any containers, products or materials from 11:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. the next day (9:30 a.m. on weekends and statutory holidays)	3. Remove provisions enforced under the Highway Traffic Act <i>Same as option 2, except point a:</i> a) Unnecessary motor vehicle noise, such as sounding of the horn, revving of engine, squealing of tires, banging, clanking or any like sounds, when vehicle is stationary and located on a private property.

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<p>D. Amplified Sound (e.g. music from bars)</p>	<p>1. Status Quo § 591-2.1.A No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from the operation of any electronic device...into any street or public place.</p> <p>§ 591-4. No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from the operation of any electronic device: <i>Residential:</i> 11:00 p.m. one day to 7:00 a.m. the next day, 9:00 a.m. Sundays and statutory holidays.</p> <p><i>Quiet Zone:</i> At all times.</p>	<p>2. Time constraints No person shall emit or cause or permit amplified sounds that are clearly audible at a point of reception, during the prohibited period of:</p> <p>11:00 p.m. one day to 8:00 a.m. the next day, 9:30 a.m. Sundays and statutory holidays.</p>	<p>3. Decibel limits + relative to ambient (1) No person shall emit or cause or permit amplified sound...if when measured with an approved sound level meter at a point of reception, the sound level exceeds the following:</p> <p>Night time (11:00p.m. – 8:00 a.m.) 45 dB(A) and 60 dB(C), indoors 50 dB(A) and 65 dB(C), outdoors</p> <p>Day time (8:00 a.m. – 11:00p.m.) 50 dB(A) and 65 dB(C), indoors and outdoors</p> <p>(2) Where the ambient sound level, at a point of reception exceeds the applicable maximum sound level established in subsection (1), the sound level of amplified sound should not exceed the ambient sound level.</p>	
<p>E. Construction Noise (e.g. condo developments and residential infill)</p>	<p>1. Status quo (1) No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from any operation of construction equipment or any construction, if it is clearly audible at a point of reception:</p> <p>(a) In a quiet zone or residential area within the prohibited period of 7:00 p.m. one day to 7:00 a.m. the next day, 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays, and all day Sunday and statutory holidays; or</p> <p>(b) In any other area within the prohibited period of all day Sunday and statutory holidays.</p> <p>(2) Subsection B(1) does not apply to the continuous pouring of concrete, large crane work, necessary municipal work and emergency work that cannot be performed during regular business hours.</p>	<p>2. Updated time constraints + remove exemptions (1) No person shall emit or cause or permit the emission of sound resulting from any operation of construction equipment or any construction, if it is clearly audible at a point of reception:</p> <p>(a) Within the prohibited period of 7:30 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. the next day, 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, and all day Sunday and statutory holidays</p> <p>Remove exemptions for continuous concrete pouring and large crane work</p>	<p>3. Option 2 + exemption permit requirements Option 2 provisions + Add the following requirements for exemption permit application for construction activity:</p> <p>(a) Rationale for granting exemption; and (b) A Noise Mitigation/Management Plan addressing measures to mitigate or manage noise from planned activities; and (c) A qualified statement for any sounds that are not technically or operationally feasible to control.</p>	<p>4. Noise Mitigation/Management Plan for all construction sites Option 3 + Noise Mitigation/Management Plan requirements apply to every construction site (not only exemption permits).</p>

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F. Exemption Permits	1. Status quo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85 dB(A) limit • Measured 20 metres from the source over a 5 minute period • Councillors have opportunity to comment • Appeal process involving Community Councils and notice of hearing sent to all nearby residents. • No authority to revoke a noise exemption permit once issued regardless of non-compliance. • If Councillor(s) does not respond within 14 days, permit is approved. 	2. Streamlined process + option to revoke <p>Same as status quo, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XX dB(A) limit • Applicant can apply for multiple events • Applicant required to post notice in a visible location 7-days prior. • ED can revoke the permit if terms and conditions are breached • If Councillor(s) does not respond within 14 days, permit is denied. 	3. Delegated authority <p>Option 2 provisions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Executive Director has delegated authority to review, approve and deny exemption permits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In consultation with Ward Councillor • Consider any negative effects or positive benefits for the neighbourhood, any previous violations, as well as possible conditions. 	4. Graduated exemptions <p>Updated status quo provisions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Exemption permit categories:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(1) Low impact (2) High impact</p> <p><i>Low/high impact to be defined based on number of attendees, type of equipment being used, duration of event, and location of event to neighbouring areas.</i></p> <p>High Impact Events must also provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Rationale for granting exemption; and b) A Noise Mitigation Plan addressing measures to mitigate or manage noise from planned activities; or a statement of measures that will be taken to minimize the noise or sound level. c) A qualified statement for any sounds that are not technically or operationally feasible to control. 	5. No exemption permits <p>Remove exemption permits</p>