

Noise Control Jurisdictional Scan

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Is there a Noise By-law?	Noise By-law 93-84	The Nuisance and Noise Control By-law 19-2003	Noise Control By-law 11-285	Noise By-law 2017-76	Noise By-law 2008-098	Noise By-law 2017-255	Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 591, Noise	The Noise Control By-law 062-2018	Community Standards By-law 5M2004 Part 9 – Regulation of Noise	Community Standards By-law 14600 Part III – Noise Control	Noise Control By-law No. 6555	Noise Control By-law 360-79
Is there a Nuisance By-law?	Public Nuisance By-law 136-2018	Yes	No	No	Nuisance By-law 2007-143	No	No	The Nuisance By-law 195-2000	No	No	No	Nuisance Type Noise By-law 785-80
Does it apply to noise enforcement ?	Yes. unreasonable noise, including loud music is included in the definition of public nuisance.	Yes			Yes			Yes				
What is the date of the Noise By-law	2014 – Amended	2019 – Amended	2017 – Amended	2017 – Enacted	2016 – Amended	2019 – Amended	2019 – Updated	2019 – Amended	2017 – Amended	2019 – Consolidated	2020 – Consolidated	1980 – Passed
Are noise levels listed in the Noise By-law?	No Noise levels are not used	No Noise levels are not used	No Noise levels are used only	No Noise levels are not used	Yes A decibel level is used	Yes A decibel level is used	Yes A decibel level is used	Yes A decibel level is used	Yes A decibel level is used	Yes A decibel level is used	Yes A decibel level is used	No Noise levels are not used

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		References are made to the Ministry of Environment s (NPC’s) Noise Pollution Control publications which use dBA levels.	for exemptions		to measure noise (dBA)	to measure noise (dBA)	to measure noise (dBA & dBC) for amplified noise, "A" weighted sound levels(dBA) are used to enforce stationary sources, motorcycle noise and noise exemption permits.)	to measure noise (dBA)	to measure noise (dBA)	to measure noise (dBA)	to measure noise (dBA)	
Are prohibited times listed within the Noise By-law?	No Prohibited times are not listed	Yes Prohibited times for noise types are listed in Schedule 2 of the By-law 8 prohibited periods depending on the type of noise	No Prohibited times are only listed for exemptions	Yes Prohibited times for noise types are listed in Schedule A of the By-law 13 prohibited periods depending on the type of noise	Yes Prohibited times for noise types are listed in Schedule 2 of the By-law 6 prohibited periods depending on the type of noise	Yes Prohibited times for noise types are listed within the By-law 13 prohibited periods depending on the type of noise	Yes Prohibited times for noise types are listed within the Municipal Code 7 prohibited periods depending on the type of noise	Yes Prohibited times for noise types are listed in Schedule 2 of the By-law 7 prohibited periods depending on the type of noise	Yes Prohibited times for noise types are listed within the By-law 5 prohibited periods depending on the type of noise	Yes Prohibited times for noise types are listed within the By-law 5 prohibited periods depending on the type of noise	Yes Prohibited times for noise types are listed within the By-law 8 prohibited periods depending on the type of noise	Yes Prohibited times for noise types are listed in Schedule 2 of the By-law 7 prohibited periods depending on the type of noise

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What are the associated penalties for noise?	Provincial Offences Act	Provincial Offences Act	APS then a Provincial Offences Notice	Provincial Offences Act	POA fines Range from \$115-\$255 Note: currently looking at amending the noise by-law to include APS. Once this is approved, the fine amount will be \$300.	APS then a Provincial Offences Notice	POA – Part I for some offences, and Part III for remaining. Orders can be written for non-compliance.	AMPS and Provincial Offences Act	Typically a fine between \$250-\$500 is issued	Typically a fine between \$250-\$500 is issued	Fine not more than \$10,000 and not less than \$250.00	Provincial Offences Act
What is the complaint process for noise?	Noise complaints can be registered by phone or online Reporting package is available online	Noise complaints can be registered by phone, email or online	Noise complaints can be registered by phone or online	Noise complaints can be registered by phone or online Receive most complaints through customer service phone line	Noise complaints can be registered by phone or email through ServiceOakville As of June 1, the following Noise complaints can be	Noise complaints can be registered by phone or online 24 hours a day.	Noise complaints can be registered by phone or online	Noise complaints can be registered by phone, online, or Access Vaughan App	Noise complaints can be registered by phone, online, or through the City’s 311 App	Noise complaints can be registered by phone, online, or through the City’s 311 App	Noise complaints can be registered by phone via 311.	Noise complaints can be registered by phone or online Many complaints received by Peel Police Most noise complaints register

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					submitted online: Barking Dog Construction Event/party							outside the operating hours of Compliance

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What is the enforcement process for noise?	<p>No noise equipment or training is administered</p> <p>Officers typically respond to a registered complaint the same or next day but it depends on the nature of the complaint</p> <p>Residents can call 311 or report on line using app. Anonymous caller will not be accepted</p> <p>Full details of the noise, dates, times, type of noise... is required</p> <p>If sufficient grounds to suspect an offence has taken place, a Notice of violation may</p>	<p>Noise equipment is outdated and not used.</p> <p>3 of the 5 Officers are certified in noise by the MLEOA</p> <p>Officers typically respond to registered complaints within 2 days</p> <p>2 business days IF during seasonal noise enforcement program with Halton</p> <p>Regional Police Services</p> <p>Bylaw response went from 2 days to approximately 10 minutes and HRPS when from 2+ hours to approx. 2 mins as dedicated</p>	<p>Officers receive training from MLEOA and carry decimal readers but do not use them</p> <p>Officers typically respond to registered complaints the same day</p> <p>Typically an officer is assigned to noise complaints</p> <p>Police may deal with some noise complaints depending on the nature of the matter</p> <p>Thursday-Sunday an Officer will ride with local police to respond to noise complaints</p> <p>Sometimes a team is assembled for special events</p>	<p>No noise equipment or training is administered</p> <p>Officers typically respond to registered complaints within 1-3 days</p> <p>Complaints are received by customer service, a reporting package is then sent to the resident and once it is completed it is sent back to the town where it is then provided to the area officer for investigation</p>	<p>Officers use a noise reading device called Larsen Davis LXT1 and receive MLEO noise training</p> <p>Officers typically respond to a registered complaint within 5 days depending on the nature of the complaint</p> <p>If the location is a party, they may refer the call to the police</p> <p>Priority placed on party noise, construction, deliveries, pool/pumps.</p> <p>Longer investigations include stationary source complaints such as</p>	<p>Officers receive in-house training and carry decimal readers</p> <p>Officers typically respond to a registered complaint the same day but it could depend on the nature of the complaint</p> <p>If a complaint comes in after hours, the next available officer will pick up the case in the morning.</p> <p>Service operating hours: Sunday-Thursday: 6AM-2AM Friday-Saturday: 6 AM-4 AM</p>	<p>There is a dedicated Noise Enforcement Team who is trained on subjective and objective (e.g. decibel limits) measurement. They respond on a priority basis. For example, within 24 hours for Priority One, 3 days for Priority 2, and 5 days for Priority 3. Priority 4 requests receive no investigative action from an Officer.</p>	<p>Officers recertified their training for noise in November 2018, they also purchased Piccolo noise meters but do not carry them</p> <p>Officers typically respond to a registered complaint between 3-5 days if it is a non-emergency and depending on the nature of the complaint</p> <p>Special events are monitored the day of by Officers</p>	<p>Officers use a noise decimal device and receive informal training</p> <p>Officers do not base a noise offence charge on a measurement but rather focus on complaints and investigation</p> <p>If a charge requires a noise level measurement it is referred to a noise expert outside of the City</p> <p>Officers typically respond to a registered complaint between 7-10 days depending on the nature of the complaint</p> <p>High priority (3-5 day)</p>	<p>Officers use a noise reading device called Bruel & Kjaer no extensive training is provided or needed</p> <p>During the course of an investigation Officers do not typically use the noise reader to measure noise but rather use their own observations and/or witness statements</p> <p>Officers typically respond to a registered complaint between 1-4 days depending on the nature of the complaint and work load of the officers</p>	<p>The operator will take the complaint, our clerk will then receive the complaint and open a case file which is then assigned to the district inspector to investigate</p> <p>Noise complaints are handled as quickly as possible not unlike other complaints they receive</p> <p>Try to contact the complainant within 2-3 days of receiving the complaint</p> <p>Many layers to the</p>	<p>No noise equipment or training is administered</p> <p>Officers typically respond to registered complaints within 5 days</p> <p>Officer discretion and complaint logs are the primary forms of evidence used to address noise complaints</p>

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	<p>be issued to defendant</p> <p>If noise continue, charges may laid</p> <p>We typically need two separate complaints to proceed with charges</p>	<p>personnel available to respond</p> <p>Noise Enforcement program from May-September with Halton Police has an approximately 10 min response time</p>			<p>delivery noise etc.</p> <p>Low priority calls are barking dogs</p>				<p>response)</p> <p>Standard Priority (5-7 day response)</p> <p>Emergency (24 hour response) Noise does not fall under emergency response</p>		<p>enforcement process and how its carried out; what type of noise, where the noise comes from and received, when it is occurring, our inspectors if need be will do noise readings to see if it is in compliance</p> <p>The noise meters are from Quest Technologies , Model 2200, type 2. Our training was from a gentleman by the name of Eric Zwerling (Director, Rutgers Noise technical Assistance</p>	

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											Center) from Rutgers University. Eric has made his way to Vancouver (on our request) on two occasions. We have also sent some of our inspectors to Seattle when he had an engagement down there to have the training as well.	