



## **Bylaw 8244 - Noise Bylaw, 2003 Summary**

### General Rules

- No person may create or allow unreasonably loud, excessive, disturbing, or unsafe noise.
- Determining factors include time, duration, volume, nature of the sound, and surrounding land use.

### Motor Vehicle Noise

- Vehicles must not create unreasonably loud or excessive noise.
- Light motor vehicles cannot exceed 101.3 decibels exhaust noise (tested at a police-designated site).
- Owners must fix vehicles that exceed the limit before further use.

### Specific Prohibited Noises

- Lawn/garden/snow equipment: not allowed between 10:00 p.m.–7:00 a.m. weekdays; 10:00 p.m.–9:00 a.m. Sundays/stat holidays.
- Radios, stereos, instruments: prohibited if plainly audible and unreasonably disturbing.
- Idling trucks: more than 20 minutes in residential districts.
- Engine brakes & air horns: prohibited, except in emergencies.
- Construction noise: not allowed 10:00 p.m.–7:00 a.m. weekdays; until 9:00 a.m. Sundays/stat holidays (outside industrial/agricultural areas).
- Outdoor public events: amplified sound only during set hours (Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–9 p.m.; Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–10 p.m.; Sun/holidays 1 p.m.–6 p.m.) unless extended with City approval.
- Permitted premises (e.g. bars): noise cannot unreasonably disturb nearby residences.

### Exemptions

#### Reasonable sounds from:

- Churches, schools, charities (bells, chimes, instruments).
- Parades (with permits).
- Political rallies, protests, religious/memorial gatherings.
- City construction/maintenance work.
- Saskatoon Exhibition & Western Development Museum annual fair.
- Lawful fireworks.

### Extensions for Outdoor Events

- City may grant written approval to extend hours for amplified sound (via the Special Event Application).
- Some approvals go to Council committee; others may be approved by Community Services management.

### Penalties

- Individuals: fines \$100–\$10,000; escalating minimums (\$100, \$200, \$400).
- Corporations: fines \$100–\$25,000; escalating minimums (\$100, \$200, \$400).
- Engine brake violations: higher minimum fine of \$250.
- Continuing offences may incur daily fines.
- Jail up to 1 year for unpaid fines.
- First offences may receive a notice of violation (\$100, or \$250 for engine brakes) payable within 14 days instead of court.