



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.



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- 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.

Bylaw 7850 - Panhandling Bylaw, 1999

Purpose

- To regulate panhandling in Saskatoon's public spaces.
- To ensure panhandling does not interfere with the public's safe use and enjoyment of streets, sidewalks, and other public areas.

Definitions

- **Panhandle:** Asking for money, goods, or donations without offering anything in return (not including permitted charitable solicitations).
- **Coercive manner** includes: following, persisting after refusal, touching, blocking passage, or using obscene/abusive language.

Where Panhandling is Allowed

- Generally permitted on streets, sidewalks, and other public places **except as restricted** below.

Prohibited Panhandling

1. **Methods**
 - o No panhandling in a **coercive manner**.
 - o No panhandling while intoxicated or under the influence of illegal drugs.
2. **Vehicles**
 - o Not allowed to solicit from occupants of motor vehicles that are parked, stopped at a light, or loading/unloading.
3. **Transit**
 - o Not allowed on Saskatoon Transit buses.
4. **Restricted Areas**
 - o Within **10 metres** of:
 - Doorways to banks, credit unions, or trust companies
 - ATMs
 - Bus stops
 - Bus shelters
 - o Within **8 metres** of liquor or beer/wine store doorways.

Penalties

- **First offence:** \$100 fine
- **Second offence:** \$250 fine
- **Third or subsequent offence:** \$250–\$10,000 fine
- Possible imprisonment up to **1 year** if fines are unpaid.