

Noise Bylaw Extension Guidelines

Events that occur outside the hours listed in Bylaw No. 8244, the Noise Bylaw, require a Noise Bylaw Extension.

Noise Bylaw hours are:

- Monday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.;
- Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and
- Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Event organizers are responsible for monitoring and controlling noise resulting from their event. The following guidelines are intended to assist event organizers in ensuring the noise from the event does not intrude unreasonably on the public living in the area:

1. Event organizers shall designate a responsible individual who is available by phone on a 24-hour basis and who has the authority to respond appropriately to complaints regarding the event. The contact name, phone number, event name, dates, times, and location will be provided to any member of the public wishing to contact the event organizers directly.
2. At minimum two weeks prior to the event, event organizers will contact the applicable community association and any business or resident within a two-block radius with details of the event including date(s), times(s) and location of the event.
3. If amplification equipment is used, noise levels should not exceed 105 decibels, measured 30 m (100 feet) from in front of the stage or location of the speaker system. A balanced range of sound to minimize base tones is required. Speaker systems are to be positioned in a manner that tilts them downward into the crowd attending the event versus projecting over the crowd and into park property. The onus is on the event organizer to monitor the sound level.
4. The event program should be scheduled to allow for times when there is no amplified sound. Event organizers are to submit information to the City of Saskatoon Special Events office (specialevents@saskatoon.ca) indicating how times with no amplified sound will be implemented in the event and how long these non-amplified periods will be. This will assist in alleviating complaints about incessant, repetitive noise.

Failure to comply with these administrative conditions may result in the exemption being revoked for future requests.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact the Open Space Consultant at 306-975-3342.