

Jurisdictional Scan

Jurisdiction	Regulation	Noise Level Limit		Notes
		Motor Vehicles	Motorcycles	
Calgary	Bylaw No.26M96	96 dB(A) (at any point of reception)	96 dB(A) (at any point of reception)	<p>There are challenges with enforcing existing bylaws because bylaw officers can't conduct traffic stops.</p> <p>City administration is proposing amendments to existing bylaws, and hiring eight new peace officers and one sergeant to create an enforcement team that would specialize in vehicle noise during the warmer months and be redeployed elsewhere outside of peak months.</p> <p>The proposal would require permissions from both the province and Calgary police to allow bylaw officers to conduct traffic stops, which would also mean more training for those officers.¹</p>
Edmonton	Bylaw 5590, Section 90.1(2)	None	<p>92 dB(A), as measured at 50 cm from the exhaust outlet, while the engine is at idle</p> <p>96 dB(A), as measured at 50 cm from the exhaust outlet, while the engine is at any speed greater than idle</p>	<p>Citizen complaints of loud vehicles are referred to Edmonton Police Services (EPS) who enforce under the provincial Traffic Safety Act.</p> <p>Motorcycle noise is referred to EPS.</p> <p>EPS uses sound level meters.²</p> <p>The City of Edmonton conducted an automated vehicle noise enforcement pilot project in 2020, however, it was not deemed successful. Currently, enforcement pressure is provided through Project Tensor, run by Edmonton police, which aims to tackle traffic safety and vehicle noise complaints.</p> <p>A motion was passed for administration to outline a plan for noise enforcement, including fine amounts, budget requirements, potential funding options and a plan for deployment in mid-2023.³</p>

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Guelph	By-law Number (2000)-16366	None	Noise limitation criteria in SAE J2825: 92 dB(A) for all engines at idle 96 dB(A) for engines having less than 3 cylinders or more than 4 cylinders 100 dB(A) for engines with 3 or 4 cylinders	Noise complaints are directed to the Guelph Police Service. If there are no major safety concerns, the police dispatcher typically sends a bylaw officer to address the complaint. ⁴
Kelowna	Bylaw No. 10573 Amendment No. 9	90 dB(A), as measured at 50 cm or more from the motor vehicle	92 dB(A), as measured at 50 cm from the exhaust outlet, while the engine is at idle 96 dB(A), as measured at 50 cm from the exhaust outlet, while the engine is at any speed greater than idle	Noise concerns are reported to Bylaw Services. Kelowna RCMP deals with noise complaints on a case-by-case basis as available resources will allow. ⁵
London	Bylaw No.PW-12-19004	None	None	NA
Montreal	R.R.V.M. c. B-3. Règlement Sur Le Bruit.	None	None	NA
Ottawa	Bylaw No 2017-255	None	None	NA
Québec City	R.V.Q 978	None	None	NA

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Red Deer	Bylaw No. 3669/2021	92 dB(A)s at idle 96 dB(A)s at any engine speed greater than idle	None	Red Deer RCMP and community peace officers are beginning to enforce an updated city bylaw tackling excessive vehicle noise with the help of new decibel readers. The city approved a change to the Community Standards Bylaw in May. The city purchased five Quest SD 200 sound detectors, also known as noise meters, at a cost of about \$4,400. Trained officers can sign out the devices and take them on patrols. ⁶
Regina	Bylaw No. 6980	None	None	NA
Saskatoon	Bylaw No. 8244, The Noise Bylaw, 2003	None	92 dB(A), as measured by a sound level meter at 50 cm from the exhaust outlet while the engine is at idle 96 dB(A), as measured by a sound level meter at 50 cm from the exhaust outlet while the engine is at any speed greater than idle	Enforcement consists of on-the-spot checks conducted by police officers located at roadside that observe and listen to vehicles passing by and assess if a vehicle is being driven in a manner which violates the vehicle regulations. The noise level limit for motorcycle noise has only been used for educational purposes during education awareness campaigns.

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Toronto	Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 591, Noise	None	92 dB(A) from the exhaust outlet as measured at 50 cm, while the motorcycle engine is at idle	<p>Currently, the Bylaw Enforcement works with the Toronto Police Service (TPS) on a joint effort. TPS does not have sound level meters, nor are they trained to conduct measurements. Bylaw Enforcement only has the authority to measure motorcycle noise exhaust while the bike is in idle.</p> <p>Bylaw Enforcement works with TPS on a project partnership where in various times of the year TPS traffic goes out and if officers have reasonable grounds to suspect bikes are loud, they will escort the bikes to where bylaw officers have set up a location for measurement. The sound levels of the bikes will be measured to determine if in compliance. If not in compliance, they will be ticketed.</p> <p>TPS may also pull over other vehicles for Highway Traffic Act purposes, but Bylaw Enforcement does not deal with them.</p>
Vancouver	Bylaw No.9344 (Noise regulation abatement)	None	None	NA
Victoria	Bylaw 03-012	None	None	NA
Windsor	By-law Number 6716	None	92 dB(A) from the exhaust outlet as measured at 50 cm or more, while the motorcycle engine is at idle	<p>Vehicle noise (moving vehicles) is primarily enforced by Windsor Police Service. Co-ordinated blitzes have occurred in the past but are very limited based on limited bylaw enforcement staff resources and other priorities set by City Council.</p> <p>Windsor Police Service do not use sound measuring devices, strictly enforce by discretion.</p>
Winnipeg	City of Winnipeg By-Law 2479/80	None	None	NA

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