

## BYLAW NO. 9928

### The Noise Amendment Bylaw, 2023

The Council of the City of Saskatoon enacts:

#### Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Noise Amendment Bylaw, 2023*.

#### Purpose

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend *The Noise Bylaw, 2003* to:
  - (a) set a noise level limit of 101.3 decibels for light motor vehicles;
  - (b) add an exemption for legally discharged fireworks; and
  - (c) make minor housekeeping amendments.

#### Bylaw No. 8244 Amended

3. *The Noise Bylaw, 2003* is amended in the manner set forth in this Bylaw.

#### Section 3 Amended

4. Section 3 is repealed and the following substituted:
  - “3. In this Bylaw:
    - (a) **“agricultural district”** means an agricultural district as established by the *Zoning Bylaw*;
    - (b) **“dwelling”** means a dwelling as defined in the *Zoning Bylaw*;
    - (c) **“dwelling unit”** means a dwelling unit as defined in the *Zoning Bylaw*;
    - (d) **“engine brake”** means a device commonly used in a truck, power unit or semi-trailer unit to slow or brake the vehicle by means of closing the exhaust valves on the engine of the vehicle, or any similar device;

- (e) **“industrial district”** means an industrial district as established by the *Zoning Bylaw*;
- (f) **“justice”** means a judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan or a presiding justice of the peace;
- (g) **“light motor vehicle”** means a motor vehicle designed for transporting people or goods on a street that has a gross vehicle weight rating that is equal to or less than 4,536 kilograms, such as passenger cars, motorcycles, pick-up trucks, multi-purpose vehicles, vans and minivans;
- (h) **“motorcycle”** means a motorcycle or motor tricycle as defined in the federal *Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations*;
- (i) **“motor vehicle”** means a motor vehicle as defined in *The Traffic Safety Act*;
- (j) **“outdoor public event”** means an outdoor concert, sporting event, festival, attraction or similar event, whether held on private or public property, to which the public-at-large is invited or admitted, with or without charge;
- (k) **“permitted premises”** means a permitted premises as defined in *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997*;
- (l) **“power unit”** means a power unit as defined in *The Traffic Safety Act*;
- (m) **“residential district”** means a residential district as established by the *Zoning Bylaw*;
- (n) **“semi-trailer”** means a semi-trailer as defined in *The Traffic Safety Act*;
- (o) **“truck”** means a truck as defined in *The Traffic Safety Act*.”.

### Section 5.1 Amended

5. Section 5.1 is repealed and the following substituted:

**“Motor Vehicle Noise**

- 5.1 (1) No person shall operate or permit the operation of a motor vehicle in such a manner that it makes or causes to be made or continued any unreasonably loud or excessive noise.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), no person shall operate or permit the operation of a light motor vehicle that produces, or is capable of producing, exhaust sound that is louder than 101.3 decibels.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), whether a light motor vehicle produces, or is capable of producing, exhaust sound that is louder than 101.3 decibels shall be determined by testing the vehicle at a site designated by a police officer.
- (4) The owner or operator of a light motor vehicle shall, upon the request of a police officer and within the time required by the police officer, take the vehicle to any site designated by the police officer to have the vehicle tested to determine whether it produces, or is capable of producing, exhaust sound that is louder than 101.3 decibels.
- (5) If a test at a designated site determines that a light motor vehicle produces, or is capable of producing, exhaust sound that is louder than 101.3 decibels, the owner or operator of the vehicle shall, before continuing to operate the vehicle, take whatever action is necessary to ensure the vehicle’s potential exhaust sound is reduced to equal to or below 101.3 decibels.”.

**Section 5.2 Repealed**

6. Section 5.2 is repealed.

**Section 5.3 Repealed**

7. Section 5.3 is repealed.

**Section 5.4 Repealed**

8. Section 5.4 is repealed.

**Section 7 Amended**

9. The following clause is added after clause 7(g):

“(h) Lawfully discharged fireworks.”.

**Coming Into Force**

10. This Bylaw comes into force on January 1, 2024.

Read a first time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Read a second time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Read a third time and passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Mayor

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City Clerk