

Bylaw No. 08-2012

A BYLAW TO CONTROL AND REGULATE NOISE

The Council of The Town of Saltcoats, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "The Noise Bylaw"

2. In this Bylaw, including this section:

(a) "municipality" means the Town of Saltcoats;

(b) "holiday" means any holiday as defined in The Interpretation Act, or any holiday proclaimed as such by the municipality;

(c) "motor vehicle" means a vehicle propelled or driven by any means other than by muscular power;

(d) "occupant" means the owner, occupant or licensee of the premises or any person found on the premises at or around the time where the noise or sound issues from the premises.

(e) "premises" means the area contained within the boundaries of any lot and includes any building situated within such boundaries. Provided, however, that where any building contains more than one dwelling unit, each dwelling unit, or common area of such building and the land surrounding the building within the boundaries of the lot shall be deemed to be separate premises.

(i) "residential building" means a building which is constructed as a dwelling for human beings;

(g) "signaling device" means a horn, gong, bell, klaxon, siren or other device producing an audible sound for the purpose of drawing people's attention to an approaching vehicle, including a bicycle;

(h) "weekday" means any day other than a holiday.

GENERAL PROHIBITION

3. (1) except to the extent it is allowed by this Bylaw, no person shall make, or continue to make, or cause to be made, or allow to be continued to be made, any loud noise, or any unnecessary noise, or any unusual noise.

(2) Except to the extent it is allowed by this Bylaw, no person shall make, or continue to make, or cause to be made or cause to be continued, or allow to be made, or allow to be continued, any noise whatsoever which either annoys, disturbs, injures, endangers or detracts from the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of other persons within the limits of the municipality.

(3) What is a loud noise, an unnecessary noise, an unusual noise, or a noise which annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of other persons is a question of fact for a court which hears a prosecution of an offense against this Bylaw.

4. Without restricting the generality of Section 3, no person shall operate or allow to be operated a lawn mower of any kind, rotary tiller, or a snow clearing device powered by an engine of any type or a model aircraft driven by an internal combustion engine, any powered tool or equipment, in any residential district between the hours of:

(a) Ten o'clock in the evening and seven o'clock of the forenoon of the following day.

5. No person who owns, keeps, houses, harbours or allows to stay in his premises a dog, shall allow such dog to bark or howl excessively.

6. No person being the owner or occupant of any premises shall operate, or permit to be operated, or suffer to be operated, or allow to be operated, play or allow to be played, any radio, phonograph, record—player, tape record, television set, musical instrument, or any other apparatus, appliance, device or machine used for the production or amplification of sound, either in or on private premises in a residential district in such a manner that the same can be easily heard by an individual or member of the public who is not on the same premises from which such noise or sound emanates.

CONSTRUCTION NOISES

7. Except in an emergency, no person shall carry on the construction, erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any type of building or structure which involves hammering, sawing, drilling or the use of any machine, tools or any other equipment capable of creating a sound beyond the boundaries of the site on which the activity is being carried on, after the hour of ten o'clock in the evening and before the hour of seven o'clock in the morning of any day.

8. Except in an emergency, no person shall operate or allow to be operated a cement mixer, a cement mixer truck, a gravel crusher, a riveting machine, a trenching machine, a drag line, an air or steam compressor, a jack—hammer or pneumatic drill, a tractor or bulldozer or any other tool, device or machine of a noisy nature, so as to create a noise which may be heard in any residence between the hours of ten o'clock in the evening and seven o'clock in the morning.

ADVERTISING NOISES

9. No person shall advertise any event or merchandise by ringing bells, blowing whistles, calling loudly, playing music, playing any type of musical instrument, playing or using any type of noise making instrument, or by the use of loud speakers or other devices for the amplification of sound, or by any other audible means, on any street or other public place.

DIESEL MOTORS

10. No person shall allow the diesel motor of a tractor intended to be used for the pulling of a trailer to remain running for longer than 20 minutes while stationary in a residential district.

EXCEPTIONS

11. The provisions of this Bylaw shall not apply to:

- (a) the ringing of bells in churches, religious establishments and schools;
- (b) the moderate use of musical instruments to call attention to an opportunity to contribute to a collection made for a charitable undertaking during the Christmas season or at any other time;
- (c) the playing of a band, the sounding of a steam whistle, the sounding of motor vehicles' horns or the use of sound amplification equipment used in connection with any parade;
- (d) the moderate playing of musical instruments appropriate to any religious street service;
- (e) the sounding of a general or a particular alarm or warning to announce a fire or other emergency or disaster;
- (f) the sounding of a factory whistle and similar devices at normal appropriate times;
- (g) the sounding of police whistles or the sirens on any vehicle used by the police or fire department or on any ambulance or public service vehicle;
- (h) any use of sound amplification equipment used by the police, fire department or any ambulance service or public service;
- (i) the use in a reasonable manner of any apparatus or mechanism for the amplification of the human voice or of music in a public park or any other commodious space in connection with any public election meeting, public celebration, or other reasonable gathering;
- (j) public or private transit and freight vehicles engaged in normal transit operations;
- (k) the sounding of motor vehicle horns when used within reason.

(l) pursuant to Section 4, *an exemption may be granted to a private individual or business, in the case of snow clearance, if the need is deemed essential by Council;*

i) said exemption to be sought by the equipment operator in advance of work by submitting the required form as requested, and

ii) nature of work and specific scope of task or tasks must be specified for approval of said exemption by Council

(m) *pursuant to Section 4 under exigent circumstances, a private individual may perform work in contravention of this bylaw if the need is deemed essential.*

n) public works vehicles and equipment in the course of their work as deemed necessary, by the Public Works Department, to the proper function of the community's infrastructure.

PENALTIES

12. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the penalties imposed in the General Penalty Bylaw of the Town of Saltcoats.

Bylaw 412 is hereby repealed.

This bylaw shall come into force and take effect when given third reading and approved by the Council of the Town of Saltcoats.

Mayor

Administrator

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 08-2012
adopted by resolution of council on the ____
day of _____, 2012.

Administrator