

Summary of Draft Noise Control By-law

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM: NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW

Purpose of summary

The purpose of the summary is to summarise the most important aspects regulated by the by-law insofar it affects the fencing of premises. Members of the public can read the summary in order to establish whether the by-law contains provisions that may affect them and which they wish to comment on. The full version of the by-law, which will be available at identified venues within the municipality, should then be consulted in preparation for public participation sessions or in order to submit written comments.

1. PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF PROPOSED BY-LAWS

The municipality, aware of the Constitutional right of every person to an environment that is not harmful to his or her health or well-being proposes this by-law with the aim of protecting and promoting the health and well-being of all people in the municipal area by providing, in conjunction with all applicable laws, a legal and administrative framework within which the municipality can develop and manage its obligations relating to noise.

2. PART II: NOISE POLLUTION MANAGEMENT

This part prohibits disturbing noise as well as noise nuisances. Section 6 deals with noise nuisances and is probably of the most interest to inhabitants. It prohibits noise caused by (amongst others):

- a radio, television set, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier, loudspeaker system
- shouting, ringing a bell or making other sounds
- animals
- the use or discharge any explosive, fireworks, firearm or similar device
- siren, hooter, static alarm, whistle, loudspeaker or similar device
- machinery, saw, sander, drill, grinder, lawnmower, power tool or similar devices in a residential area during certain hours:

This part of the by-law also regulates noise resulting from music, open-air music festivals and similar gatherings.

3. PART III: GENERAL PROVISIONS

This part grants the municipality the right to use measuring instruments to measure noise levels. It deals specifically with noise emitted by motor vehicles.

Members of the public or businesses may apply for exemptions.