

# Enhanced Enforcement of Amplified Sound

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- Summer 2020: Complaints regarding voice amplification on City streets
- Review of By-laws and Regulations
  - Noise Control By-law
  - Street and Traffic By-law
- Review of Enforcement Mechanisms
- Recommendations to enhance regulation and strengthen enforcement.

- Noise Control By-law:
  - Prohibits any noise or sound in a public place which disturbs the peace and quiet.
  - Sets maximum sound levels in all areas of the city by zone designation, measured in decibels.
  - Sets no specific conditions on voice or sound amplification in public spaces
  - Noise from voice and sound amplification is not enforceable by Municipal Ticket Information
- Street and Traffic By-law
  - Allows activities like events, festivals and street entertainment, in public spaces under City-issued permits and guidelines. Street programming must comply with the Noise Control By-law.
- Progressive enforcement approach to by-law contraventions
  - Education to gain voluntary compliance
  - MTI (for offenses designated in the Ticket Offences By-law)
  - Long form prosecution

# Enhance Regulation & Strengthen Enforcement

	<b>By-law</b>	<b>Recommended Amendment</b>	<b>Intended Impact</b>
1	Noise Control By-law	Prohibit the use of devices that can amplify voice or musical instruments in public spaces without permission	Prohibition will be easier to enforce than decibel levels
2	Ticket Offences By-law	Establish a ticket offence and \$250 fine for use of a device that can amplify voice or musical instruments, in public spaces without permission	Adds a new enforcement measure: Municipal Ticket Offence
3	Street and Traffic By-law	Make it unlawful to place a device that can amplify voice or musical instruments on a street or street right of way enabling seizure under existing authority of the Impounding By-law	Adds a new enforcement measure: Seizure of amplification devices



**THANK YOU!**

