

NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW REVIEW

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Review Objectives

1. Modernize and update the By-law to make it consistent with current practices
2. Reformat the By-law for easier navigation and referencing
3. Improve clarity and align noise regulations with other City By-laws
4. To review internal processes and identify areas for improvement





- ✓ Technical review
- ✓ Jurisdictional scan
- ✓ Complaints data analysis
- ✓ Research on best practices
- ✓ Public engagement through Shape Your City (*May 2023*) with 3.9K responses

Summary of Recommendations

Objectives	Proposed Amendments	Impact
Structure and Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grouping relevant regulations • Updating Schedules A and B • Consistent format for all sections 	Enhanced flow and ease of navigation
Modernization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to list of holidays • Removal of regulation for noise from vehicle-mounted carpet equipment • Removal of outdated decal requirement for leaf blowers 	Aligned with current practices
Alignment with other By-laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update definitions to align with Licence By-law • Transfer regulation for animal noise to Animal Control By-law • Exclude City waste collection in night shift area of downtown to align with Solid Waste By-law 	Improved clarity and consistency
Enhanced processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer authority to approve Noise Exception Permits for construction from CLI to CBO • Sign requirement for all construction projects 	Strengthened and efficient operations

- ✓ **Support vibrant arts and culture scene in Vancouver**
- ✓ **Find opportunities to reduce noise-related regulatory barriers for businesses**
- ✓ **Enable compliance through clear guidelines and noise mitigation measures and plans**

Regulations for Commercial Premises

- Review noise and sound regulations for commercial premises (dBA and dBC levels)
- Guidelines for owners and operators to manage sound and noise in and from commercial premises

Special events

- Develop guidelines for noise and sound mitigation
- Noise Exception Permit for special events