

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

BY-LAW NO. 52-99

**Being a by-law to regulate and prohibit unusual noises
and replacing By-Law No. 67-77.**

WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient and necessary to regulate and prohibit unusual noises or noises likely to disturb the inhabitants of the Township of Norwich;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich enacts as follows:

1. That no person shall ring any bell, blow or sound any horn or cause the same to be rung, blown or sounded, shout or create, cause or permit any unusual noises or noises likely to disturb the inhabitants.
2. That, for the purpose of and not so as to limit the generality of Section 1, the following noises or sounds shall be deemed to be unusual noises, or noises likely to disturb the inhabitants, namely:
 - A) The sounding of any bell, horn, siren or other signal device on any motor vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle, or other vehicle or whatsoever kind except when required by by-law;
 - B) The sounding of any such bell, horn, siren or signal device for an unnecessary or unreasonable period of time;
 - C) The sound or noise from or created by any radio or phonograph, public address system, sound equipment, loud speaker, or similar device or devices, or any musical or sound producing instrument of whatever kind, when such device or instrument is played or operated in such a manner or with such volume as to annoy or disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any individual in any dwelling, house, apartment house, hotel, or any other type of residence;
 - D) Any noise made by any animal or bird which disturbs the peace, quiet, comfort and repose of any individual in any dwelling, house, apartment house, hotel or any type of residence;

- E) Any noise arising between the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the afternoon of any day and 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon of the following day from any excavation or construction work of any kind, including the erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any building authorized by the Corporation, except in case of urgent necessity and then under a permit from the Building Inspector;
- F) The noise or sound created by the use or operation of any drum, horn, bell, radio or mechanical loudspeaker, or other instrument or device or sound producing, or sound transmitting instrument or apparatus for the purpose of advertising or for attracting attention to any performance show or sale or display of goods, wares, merchandise or which projects noise or sound into any street or any other public place;
- G) The noise or sound created by the use or operation of any radio or mechanical loudspeaker or amplifier or other instrument or device of sound producing or sound transmitting instrument or apparatus, in or upon any vehicle except for such time and under such conditions as may be approved by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich;
- H) The noise or sound created by the discharge of any gun or other fire-arm, air gun and spring gun or any class or type thereof, provided that this shall not apply to peace officers in the performance of their duties;
- I) The noise created by driving any vehicle bearing material, articles or things which are loaded upon such vehicle in such manner as to create such noise;
- J) The grating, grinding or rattling noises or sound caused by the condition of disrepair or maladjustment of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or other vehicle whatsoever or part or accessory thereto;
- K) The blowing of any steam or air whistle attached to or used in connection with any stationary boiler or other machine or mechanism, except for the purpose of giving notice to workmen of the time to commence or cease work, or as a warning of danger, or as may be approved by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich;

- L) The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle or motorcycle, except through a muffler or other device which effectively prevents loud or explosive noises.
3. That none of the provisions of this by-law shall apply to the following, namely:
- A) The use in a reasonable manner or any apparatus or mechanism for the amplification of the human voice or of music in a public park provided permission from the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich has first been obtained;
 - B) Any band or any parade operating under written permission first obtained from the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich.
 - C) Any vehicle of the police or fire department or any ambulance or any public service or emergency vehicle which answering a call;
 - D) The ringing of bells in connection with any Church, Chapel, meeting house, or religious service, or the ringing of fire alarms or burglar alarms;
 - E) The sound from any private radio in a motor vehicle, installed for the sole benefit or entertainment of the operator and occupants of such vehicle, when same is not audible at a distance of twenty-five feet from such vehicle;
 - F) Any case of public convenience or necessity.
4. Any person convicted of a breach of any of the provisions of this by-law shall forfeit and pay, at the discretion of the convicting magistrate, a penalty not exceeding (exclusive of costs) the sum of \$1,000.00 for each offence, and every such penalty shall be recoverable under the Provincial Offences Act, all of the provisions of which shall apply, except that the imprisonment may for any term not exceeding six months.
5. That all and any previous by-laws, the terms and provisions of which are inconsistent and in conflict with the provisions contained herein, shall be now and are herewith repealed.

BY-LAW READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME, AND FINALLY PASSED THIS

13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999.



MAYOR - MARK HARRISON



ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK-
TREASURER
- JOHN R. INNES