

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD

BY-LAW NO. 469

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE NOISE WITHIN THE CITY OF GREENWOOD

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 932 (c) of the Municipal Act, being Chapter 290 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1980, the Council of a municipality is empowered to enact a by-law to regulate or prohibit the making or causing of noises or sounds in or on a highway or elsewhere in the municipality which disturb, or tend to disturb, the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood, or of persons in the vicinity, or which in the opinion of the Council are objectionable or liable to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of individuals or the public, and may make different regulations or prohibitions for different areas of the municipality;

This by-law may be cited as the "Greenwood Noise Control By-law No. 469, 1982".

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the City of Greenwood in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

A. DEFINITIONS:

1. (a) Words defined in the "Motor Vehicle Act" being Chapter 253 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960, and the "Municipal Act" Revised Statutes of British Columbia Chapter 290, 1980 shall have the same meaning when used in this by-law unless defined in this by-law or unless the context otherwise requires.
- (b) In this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (i) "City" means the City of Greenwood or the area within the boundaries thereof as the context may require;
  - (ii) "Council" means the Municipal Council of Greenwood;
  - (iii) "Inspector" means the person or persons appointed from time to time by City Council to enforce and administer this by-law and shall include any Peace Officer;
  - (iv) "Noise" includes any loud outcry, clamour, shouting or movement, or any sound that is loud or harsh or undesirable;
  - (v) "Peace Officer" shall have the same meaning as in the Interpretation Act being Chapter 199 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960, plus the person or persons who are appointed to enforce and administer this by-law;
  - (vi) "Person" includes any company, corporation, owner, partnership, firm, association, society or party;
  - (vii) "Property" means real property and includes land, other than a highway, together with all improvements which have been so affixed to the land as to make them in fact and in law a part thereof.

B. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. No person shall make or cause, or permit to be made or caused, any noise in or on a public or private place which disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of any person or persons in the neighbourhood or vicinity between the hours of 20:00 hours and 07:00 hours.

2. No person being the owner, tenant or occupier of real property shall allow or permit such real property to be used so that noise or sound which occurs thereon or emanates therefrom, disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons in the vicinity.
3. No person shall play or operate any radio, stereophonic equipment or other instrument or any apparatus for the production or amplification of sound either in or on private premises or in any public place in such manner as to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons in the vicinity.
4. No person shall own, keep or harbour any animal or bird which by its cries unduly disturbs the peace, quiet, rest or tranquility of the surrounding neighbourhood or the public at large.
5. No hawker, huckster, pedlar, newsvendor, or other person shall by his intermittent or reiterated cries disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of individuals or the public.
6. No person shall operate any new equipment that does not meet with the average decibel sound level in accordance with the Canadian Standard Association's specifications.

C. CONSTRUCTION HOURS

1. No person in the City shall on any day before 07:00 hours or after 22:00 hours, construct, erect, reconstruct, alter, repair or demolish any building, structure or thing or excavate or fill in land in any manner which disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons in the vicinity.
2. No person in the City shall for profit or gain on a Sunday construct, erect, reconstruct, alter, repair or demolish any building or thing, or excavate or fill in land in any manner which disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons in the vicinity.
3. Where it is impossible or impractical to comply with this section, the City Council may give written approval to carry on the work that is found to be necessary at designated hours.

Responsibility for obtaining written approval lies with the person carrying on the work.

D. OTHER

1. No person shall operate any outdoor public address system in the City without first having obtained a permit therefor.
2. No person shall operate a snow vehicle, motorboat or motorcycle which makes or causes excessive noise.
3. Notwithstanding any provisions of this by-law, a person may perform works of an emergency nature for the preservation or protection of life, health or property but the onus shall be on the person performing the work to show cause that the work was of an emergency nature.

E. PENALTY SECTION

1. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this by-law or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this by-law, who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this by-law or who does any act which violates any of the provisions of this by-law, is guilty of an offence against this by-law and liable to the penalties hereby imposed. Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offence.
  
2. Every person who commits an offence against this by-law is liable to a fine and penalty of not more than \$2,000.00 and not less than \$100.00 for each offence, and in default of payment thereof, forthwith or within such time as the presiding Provincial Court Judge or Justice of the Peace shall direct, the fine imposed shall be recoverable under the provisions of the Offence Act, R.S.B.C. 1979 Chapter 305 and all amendments thereto.

READ A FIRST TIME the 25th day of January, 1982.

READ A SECOND TIME the 25th day of January, 1982.

READ A THIRD TIME the 25th day of January, 1982.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED the 22 day of March , 1982.

  
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 MAYOR

  
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 CITY CLERK

CERTIFY a true copy of "The City of Greenwood Noise Control By-law No. 469, 1982" as read the third time by the Council on January 25, 1982.

  
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 City Clerk