

THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

BYLAW C-1198-22

TRAFFIC BYLAW AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 cM-26 and amendments thereto, a municipality may pass bylaws in relation to the management of excessive noise emanating from vehicles within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, cM-26 and amendments thereto, a council has the power to amend enacted bylaws;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Spruce Grove wishes to amend Bylaw C-1123-20;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council for the City of Spruce Grove, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw C-1123-20 Traffic Bylaw is amended as follows:

1.1 By adding the definition of “Disturbing Noise” after section 1.10, as follows:

1.10.1 “Disturbing Noise” means any sound or volume of noise caused by or emanating from a Motor Vehicle that annoys or disturbs humans, or endangers the health and safety of humans and includes but is not limited to:

- (a) the revving of an internal combustion engine;
- (b) the squealing of tires;
- (c) rapid acceleration;
- (d) loud roaring or explosive sounds;
- (e) sounds from a radio, stereo, television, or other device within the Motor Vehicle;
- (f) any sound that exceeds Sound Levels of 92 decibels (dba) or more as measured by a Sound Level Meter at 50 CM from the Point of Reception while the Motor Vehicle’s engine is idling; or

- (g) any sound that exceeds Sound Levels of 96 decibels (dba) or more as measured by a Sound Level Meter at 50 CM from the Point of Reception while the Motor Vehicle's engine is at any RPM greater than idle.
- 1.2 By adding the definition of "Point of Reception" after section 1.39, as follows:
 - 1.39.1 "Point of Reception" means the location on a Motor Vehicle where Sound Levels are measured with a Sound Level Meter.
- 1.3 By adding the definition of "RPM" after section 1.47, as follows:
 - 1.47.1 "RPM" means the revolutions per minute of a Motor Vehicle engine.
- 1.4 By adding the definitions of "Sound Calibrator", "Sound Level" and "Sound Level Meter" after section 1.53, as follows:
 - 1.53.1 "Sound Calibrator" means any coupler-type sound calibrator that conforms with the applicable standards of the American National Standards Institute ("A.N.S.I").
 - 1.53.2 "Sound Level" means the sound pressure measured in decibels using the "A" weighted network of a Sound Level Meter with fast response.
 - 1.53.3 "Sound Level Meter" means any Type 2 or better integrating instrument (as established by the standards of A.N.S.I.) that measures Sound Levels, and which is properly calibrated by a Sound Calibrator.
- 1.5 By deleting in strikethrough section 1.61 in its entirety:
 - ~~1.61 "Unduly Disturb" means a volume of noise emitted by a Vehicle or the driving pattern observed which in the opinion of a Peace Officer constitute an unreasonable disturbance, having regard to the Time of day and area within which it occurred. It includes but is not limited to:~~
 - ~~(a) the revving of an internal combustion engine;~~
 - ~~(b) operating a Motor Vehicle with the exhaust outlet widened;~~

~~(c) a Motor Vehicle attached with an exhaust system or muffler that increases the noise made by the expulsion of gases from the engine or allows flames to be ignited from the exhaust system;~~

~~(d) a Motor Vehicle where the muffler has been removed;~~

~~(e) the squealing of tires; or~~

~~(f) rapid acceleration.~~

1.6 By deleting section 15.7 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

15.7 Disturbing Noises

- (a) A person must not make, continue, or allow to be made or continue any Disturbing Noise.
- (b) Subsection 15.7(a) does not apply to persons operating emergency vehicles.

1.7 By deleting the following penalty from the “Miscellaneous” section of Schedule 1 - Fines:

Vehicle Noise in Residential Area	15.7	\$250.00
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and replacing it with the following:

Disturbing Vehicular Noise	15.7	\$250.00
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- 2. This amending bylaw shall be consolidated into Bylaw C-1123-20.
- 3. This bylaw shall come into force and effect when it receives third reading and is duly signed.

First Reading Carried 25 April 2022
Second Reading Carried 25 April 2022
Third Reading Carried [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Date Signed

Mayor

City Clerk