

TOWN OF CANORA

BYLAW NO. 92-06

A BYLAW TO CONTROL AND REGULATE NOISE WITHIN THE TOWN OF CANORA

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CANORA, IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "The Noise Bylaw."
2. In this Bylaw, including this Section:
  - (a) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Canora;
  - (b) "holiday" means any statutory holiday as defined in The Interpretation Act, and amendments thereto, or any holiday proclaimed as such by Council;
  - (c) "motor vehicle" means "motor vehicle" as defined in The Highway Traffic Act of Saskatchewan;
  - (d) "premises" means the area contained within the boundaries of any lot and includes any building situated within such boundaries. Provided, however, that where any building contains more than one dwelling unit, each dwelling unit, or common area of such building and the land surrounding the building within the boundaries of the lot shall be deemed to be separate premises;
  - (e) "occupant" means the owner, occupant or licensee of the premises or any person found on the premises at or around the time when the noise or sound issues from the premises;
  - (f) "residential building" means a building which is constructed as a dwelling for human beings;
  - (g) "residential district" means a district defined as such in the Zoning Bylaw enacted by the Council of the Town of Canora and amendments thereto;
  - (h) "signalling device" means a horn, gong, bell, klaxon, siren or other device producing an audible sound for the purpose of drawing people's attention to an approaching vehicle, including a bicycle;
  - (i) "weekday" means any day other than a Sunday or holiday;
  - (j) "Zoning Bylaw" means Bylaw No. 89-07 as enacted by the Council of the Town of Canora and amendments thereto and includes any bylaw passed in substitution for or in addition to Bylaw No. 89-07.

GENERAL PROHIBITION

3. (a) Except to the extent it is allowed by this Bylaw no person shall make, or continue to make, or cause to be made, or allow to be made, or allowed to be continued to be made, any loud noise or any unnecessary noise, or any unusual noise.
- (b) Except to the extent it is allowed by this Bylaw, no person shall make, or continue to make, or cause to be made or cause to be continued, or allow to be made, or allow to be continued, any noise whatsoever which either annoys, disturbs, injures, endangers or detracts from the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of other persons, (or is likely to annoy, disturb, injure, endanger or detract from the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of other persons) within the corporate limits of the Town.

(c) What is a loud noise, an unnecessary noise, an unusual noise, or a noise which annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers or detracts from the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of other persons (or is likely to annoy, disturb, injure, endanger, or detract from the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of other persons) is a question of fact for a court which hears a prosecution of an offence against this Bylaw.

(d) In the absence of other evidence, or by way of corroboration of other evidence, the summary conviction court may infer from the evidence of a peace officer relating to the conduct of any person or persons, whether ascertained or not, that the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of any other person was or would likely be disturbed, annoyed, injured or endangered.

#### DOMESTIC NOISES

4. Without restricting the generality of Section 3, no person shall operate or allow to be operated a lawn mower, a snow clearing device, a chain saw, or a roto tiller, powered by an engine of any type or a model aircraft driven by an internal combustion engine in any residential district between the hours of:

(a) 10 o'clock in the evening and 7 o'clock of the next forenoon on weekdays;

(b) 10 o'clock in the evening and 9 o'clock in the forenoon of the following day which is a Sunday or holiday.

5. No person who owns, keeps, houses, harbours or allows to stay in his premises a dog, shall allow such dog to bark excessively or howl excessively.

6. No person being the owner or occupant of any premises shall operate, or permit to be operated, or suffer to be operated, or allow to be operated, play or allow to be played, any radio, phonograph, record-player, tape recorder, television set, musical instrument, or any other apparatus, appliance, device or machine used for the production or amplification of sound, either in or on private premises in a residential district in such a manner that the same can be easily heard by an individual or member of the public who is not on the same premises from which such noise or sound emanates.

#### CONSTRUCTION NOISES

7. Except in an emergency, no person shall carry on the construction, erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any type of building, structure or object which involves hammering, sawing, drilling or the use of any machine, tools or any other equipment capable of creating a sound beyond the boundaries of the site on which the activity is being carried on, in any district in the Town of Canora other than one designated in the Zoning Bylaw as an M Industrial District and UR Urban Reserve District between the hours of:

(a) 10 o'clock in the evening and 7 o'clock of the next forenoon on weekdays,

(b) 10 o'clock in the evening and 9 o'clock in the forenoon of the following day which is a Sunday or a holiday.

8. Except in an emergency, no person shall operate or allow to be operated a cement mixer, a cement mixer truck, a gravel crusher, a riveting machine, a trenching machine, a drag line, an air or steam compressor, a jack-hammer or pneumatic drill, a tractor or bull dozer or any other tool, device or machine of a noisy nature, so as to create a noise which may be heard in any residence between the hours of 10 o'clock in the evening and 7 o'clock in the morning.

## ADVERTISING NOISES

9. No person shall advertise any event or merchandise by ringing bells, blowing whistles, calling loudly, playing music, playing any type of musical instrument, playing or using any type of noise making instrument, or by the use of loud speakers or other devices for the amplification of sound, or by any other audible means, on any street or other public place or in any building or premises with the intention or result that the sound therefrom shall be or is audible to persons using or frequenting any street or other public place.

## DIESEL MOTORS

10. No person shall allow the diesel motor on a tractor or truck which pulls a trailer or on a semi-trailer truck to remain running for longer than 20 minutes while the tractor-trailer, or tractor alone, is stationary in a residential district between the hours of:
- (a) 10 o'clock in the evening and 7 o'clock of the next forenoon on weekdays;
  - (b) 10 o'clock in the evening and 9 o'clock in the forenoon of the following day which is a Sunday or holiday.

## EXCEPTIONS

11. The provisions of this Bylaw shall not apply to:
- (a) the ringing of bells in churches, religious establishments and schools;
  - (b) the moderate use of musical instruments to call attention to an opportunity to contribute to a collection made for a charitable undertaking;
  - (c) the playing of a band, the sounding of a steam whistle, the sounding of motor vehicles' horns or the use of sound amplification equipment used in connection with any parade;
  - (d) the moderate playing of musical instruments appropriate to any religious street service;
  - (e) the sounding of a general or a particular alarm or warning to announce a fire or other emergency or disaster;
  - (f) the sounding of police whistles or the sirens on any vehicle used by the police, fire department, ambulance, rescue unit or public service vehicle;
  - (g) any use of sound amplification equipment used by the police, fire department, ambulance service, rescue unit, or public service;
  - (h) the use in a reasonable manner of any apparatus or mechanism for the amplification of the human voice or of music in a public park or any other commodious space in connection with any public election meeting, public celebration, or other reasonable gathering;
  - (i) snow removal, street cleaning, road maintenance and other construction equipment engaged by the Town in snow removal, street cleaning, or the construction repair or maintenance of any streets, crossings, storm sewers, culverts and approaches, grades, sidewalks, water and sewer lines or any other works authorized by The Urban Municipality Act, 1984, and any amendements thereto, or any other Act.
  - (j) removing snow by a mechanical means from parking lots used in conjunction with commercial, educational or institutional establishments.

COUNCIL DISCRETION

12. At the discretion of Council upon application the Council may, by resolution, grant an exemption to any person, corporation or organization from any of the provisions of this bylaw with respect to any source of sound.

PENALTIES

13. Any person, corporation or organization who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to:

- (a) a minimum fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and a maximum fine not in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)
- (b) costs as may be awarded by the Court hearing the matter
- (c) in default of payment of the fine or costs to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 30 days.

14. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

15. Bylaw No. 90-11 is hereby repealed.



L. H. Newick  
Mayor

P. Duval  
Town Administrator

Introduced and read a first and second time this 21st day of April, 1992.

Read a third time by unanimous consent of all Council members present and adopted this 21st day of April, 1992.

Certified a true copy of Bylaw  
No. 92-06 adopted by Canora  
Town Council on the 21st day  
of April, 1992.

P. Duval  
Town Administrator