



Saskatoon & Motor Vehicle Noise



Answers to your questions about the City of Saskatoon's noise bylaw amendment for vehicles:

What are the regulations for vehicle noise?

In May 2014, in response to widespread public concern about loud vehicles, the City of Saskatoon amended The Noise Bylaw, 2003 (Bylaw No. 8244) to ban excessive vehicle noise.

This includes disruptive sounds caused by poorly maintained vehicles, modified exhaust systems, and "stunting" or other manners of driving that deliberately increase a vehicle's volume.

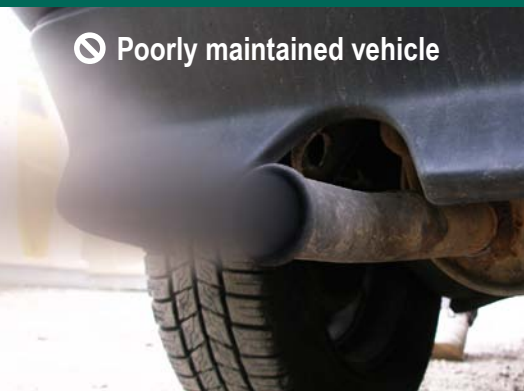
What is considered "excessive" noise?

Location, type of noise, time of day, volume and duration, and other factors are considered. But if the sounds coming from your vehicle are loud enough to be disruptive and bothersome to those around you, they're too loud.

Vehicles that are properly maintained won't produce excessive noise under normal operation, and most vehicle operators know when they're creating a disturbance.

In particular, motorists need to consider the proximity of public spaces and residential areas.

Common Sources of Excessive Vehicle Noise:



What about motorcycles?

The Noise Bylaw now also includes decibel limits on motorcycle exhaust systems. This doesn't impact most motorcycle riders as bikes that are in good working order, and have not been modified in ways that increase the volume of their exhaust systems, will be within the acceptable noise range.

See the insert entitled *Saskatoon Sound Check* for more information about motorcycle noise and sound-test clinics offered by the Saskatoon Police.

How is the Noise Bylaw enforced?

The Saskatoon Police Service enforces the bylaw. This is ticket offence, similar to a parking ticket.

A first offence carries a fine of \$100. To avoid any additional fines, vehicle owners may need vehicle maintenance or to reverse vehicle modifications such as amplified exhaust systems.

As with any type of excessive noise, disturbances can be reported by calling the Saskatoon Police Service at **306-975-8300**.

Why does reducing vehicle noise matter?

Similar to the regulation of other types of noise, the intent is to strike a suitable balance where one person's enjoyment of an activity doesn't interfere with another's.

Reducing noise pollution – including the kind caused by noisy vehicles – is something that improves the quality of life for Saskatoon residents and makes the city an attractive place to visit.

It's also something that a significant number of residents have indicated is important to them.

 Modified exhaust system



 Modified vehicle



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