

CITY OF COQUITLAM  
BYLAW NO. 1233, 1982

**Consolidated with amendments in Bylaws:  
(1) 2603, 1993; (2) 3999, 2008; (3) 4149, 2010; (4) 4479, 2014; (5) 4739, 2017**

**NOTE: This is a consolidation for convenience purposes only and does not have the force of law.**

A Bylaw to Regulate Noise Within  
the City of Coquitlam

WHEREAS under the provisions of Section 932 (c) of the Municipal Act, being Chapter 290 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1979, the Council of a municipality is empowered to enact a bylaw 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 the Council believes 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;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the City of Coquitlam in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. DEFINITIONS

1. (a) Words defined in the "Motor Vehicle Act" being Chapter 288 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1979, and the "Municipal Act", Revised Statutes of British Columbia, Chapter 290, 1979, shall have the same meaning when used in this bylaw unless defined in this bylaw or unless the context otherwise requires.
- (b) In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (i) "City" means the City of Coquitlam or the area within the boundaries thereof as the context may require;
  - (ii) "Council" means the Municipal Council of the City of Coquitlam;
  - (iii) "Holiday" means a "holiday" as defined by the *Interpretation Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 238, as amended or replaced from time to time, and includes Easter Monday;

- (iv) "Inspector" means the person or persons appointed from time to time by the Council to enforce and administer this bylaw and shall include any Peace Officer, or Bylaw Enforcement Officer of the City;
- (v) "Noise" includes any loud outcry, clamour, shouting or movement, or any sound that is loud or harsh or undesirable;
- (v.1) "Owner builder" means "owner builder" as defined by the *Homeowner Protection Act*, S.B.C. 1998, c. 31, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (vi) "Peace Officer" shall have the same meaning as in the Interpretation Act being Chapter 206 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1979, plus the person or persons who are appointed to enforce and administer this bylaw;
- (vii) "Person" includes any company, corporation, owner, partnership, firm, association, society or party;
- (viii) "Property" means real property and includes lands, other than a highway, together with all improvements which have been so affixed to the lands 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.
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 any person or persons on the same piece of property or in the neighbourhood or 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 a 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, peddler, news vendor, or other person shall by his intermittent or reiterated cries disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of individuals or the public.

C. CONSTRUCTION HOURS

1. No person in the City shall:
  - (a) on any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, before 07:00 hours or after 20:00 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;
  - (b) on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, before 09:00 hours or after 18:00 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; or
  - (c) notwithstanding the provisions of sub-sections 1(b), drive piles into the ground on any Saturday before 09:00 hours or after 17:00 hours.
2. (a) No person in the City shall for profit or gain on a Sunday or holiday 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.
  - (b) For the purposes of section C(2)(a) an owner builder building a new home shall be deemed to be working for profit or gain.
3. Where it is impossible or impractical to comply with this section C, the Council or General Manager of Engineering and Public Works 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 from the Manager Bylaw & Animal Control Services of the City.
2. No person shall operate a snow vehicle, motorboat or motorcycle which makes or causes noise.
3. Nothing contained in this bylaw shall be deemed to apply to any noise made or caused by any motor vehicle under the control of the Fire Department of the City while responding to a fire alarm or other emergency or to any noise caused or made by a police officer or constable in the discharge of his duty, or to any noise caused or made by the operator of any licensed ambulance while responding to an emergency call, or to any noise caused or made by equipment operated by or for the City.

E. PENALTY SECTION

1. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw or who does any act which violates any of the provisions of this bylaw, is guilty of an offence against this bylaw 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 bylaw 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 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.

F. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "City of Coquitlam Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 1233, 1982".

G. The City of Coquitlam Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 981, 1960 is hereby repealed.

H. **[EXPIRED]**

READ A FIRST TIME the 1st day of February , 1982.

READ A SECOND TIME the 1st day of February , 1982.

READ A THIRD TIME the 1st day of February , 1982.

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED and ADOPTED and the Seal of the Corporation  
affixed this 15th day of February , 1982.

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MAYOR

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CLERK