

# City of Belleville

Report No: MBECS-2025-19

Meeting Date: July 14, 2025



**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**Department:** Corporate Services  
**Staff Contact:** Aggie Hill, Manager, By-Law Enforcement

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**Subject: Noise By-law - Set Fines**

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## Recommendation:

That, pursuant to the Manager of By-law Enforcement's Report No. MBECS-2025-19, Noise By-law - Set Fines, Council approve the proposed set fines under the Provincial Offences Act for the Noise By-law.

And that the appropriate documentation be submitted to the Ministry of the Attorney General for approval.

## Background:

In conjunction with the adoption of the Noise By-law, set fines under the Provincial Offences Act are proposed to ensure enforceability and provide clear financial penalties for violations under the by-law. Short form wordings for various offences have been included, with a monetary fine that staff believe is costly enough to be considered a deterrent but is not high enough to be considered punitive.

## Financial/Analysis:

The proposed set fines schedule is attached. The proposed fine schedule is designed to further support the costs of enforcement without significant impacts on current budget allocations. Revenue generated from fines will contribute to covering expenses and enhancing community educational initiatives. Provisions are in place to ensure fines are proportionate to the offence and in line with existing regional standards.

Over the past 5 years, no revenue has been generated from set fines under the Noise By-law.

Set fines are not deployed as a mechanism for revenue generation. Instead, they serve as a critical tool to maintain compliance and uphold community standards when other measures are

ineffective. Ultimately, preference will be given to friendly resolution with charges and fines reserved for multiple repeat violations. Based the identified approach, it is anticipated that revenue generation from set fines will be negligible.

The inclusion of a set fine schedule under the Provincial Offences Act will not be detrimental if the City transitions to an Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS).

**Conclusion:**

By setting these predefined penalties, the City can ensure consistent enforcement and deter non-compliance. Council approval of the fine schedule will aid in maintaining Belleville’s commitment to cleanliness and safety.

**Attachments:**

[DRAFT Noise By-law Set Fines](#)

**Reviewed by:**

Brandon Ferguson, Director of Finance/Treasurer  
Doug Irwin, City Clerk  
Matt MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

**Status:**

Approved - 08 Jul 2025  
Approved - 08 Jul 2025  
Approved - 09 Jul 2025

**City of Belleville**  
**Part I Provincial Offences Act**  
**By-law Number 2025-XXX: Noise By-law**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Short Form Wording</b>	<b>Provisions Creating or Defining Offence</b>	<b>Set Fine</b>
1	Cause or Permit Noise From Amplified Sound	Schedule "A", Item 1	\$250
2	Cause or Permit Noise From Amplified Sound in Park	Schedule "A", Item 2	\$250
3	Cause or Permit Noise From Revving of Engine	Schedule "A", Item 3	\$250
4	Cause or Permit Noise from Operation of Vehicle Causing Tire Squeal	Schedule "A", Item 4	\$250
5	Cause or Permit Noise From Auditory Signaling Device	Schedule "A", Item 5	\$250
6	Cause or Permit Noise From Selling or Advertising	Schedule "A", Item 6	\$250
7	Cause or Permit Noise From Combustion Engine– No Muffler	Schedule "A", Item 7	\$250
8	Cause or Permit Noise From Construction Equipment When Prohibited	Schedule "B", Item 1	\$250
9	Cause or Permit Noise From Toy, Model, or Replica When Prohibited	Schedule "B", Item 2	\$250
10	Cause or Permit Noise From Motorized Conveyance When Prohibited	Schedule "B", Item 3	\$250
11	Cause or Permit Noise From Powered/Non-Powered Tool When Prohibited	Schedule "B", Item 4	\$250
12	Cause or Permit Noise From Bulk Lift or Refuse Compacting Equipment When Prohibited	Schedule "B", Item 5	\$250
13	Cause or Permit Noise From Pest Control Device When Prohibited	Schedule "B", Item 6	\$250
14	Cause or Permit Noise From Loading or Unloading Material When Prohibited	Schedule "B", Item 7	\$250
15	Cause or Permit Noise From Yelling or Shouting When Prohibited	Schedule "B", Item 8	\$250
16	Obstruct an Officer	Section 6.3	\$500

NOTE: The penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Section 6.4 of By-law 2025-XXX, a certified copy of which has been filed.