

Noise Exemption Application

Overview and Instructions

Noise Regulations

Town of Collingwood <u>Noise By-law No. 2018-032</u> (hereinafter referred to as the "By-law") sets out regulations regarding noise with the intention of reducing excessive sound that may cause disruptions and impact the peace and quiet of residents and visitors within the Town of Collingwood.

Who needs to apply for a noise exemption?

Any person, including a business, who is unable to comply with the By-law would be required to apply for a noise exemption. Some types of activities that may require an exemption include special events, the operation or use of outdoor speakers and other sound amplification equipment, or construction noises outside the permitted times.

Application Approval Process

Noise exemption requests are provided in accordance with s.6.0 of the By-law. Once a completed application, including appropriate appendix and payment, has been received, the Clerk or Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) may grant an exemption from any of the provisions of the By-law or, at their discretion, forward the exemption application to Council to have Council make the final decision on whether to grant or refuse the application, with or without conditions.

Any breach of the terms or conditions of the exemption granted by the Clerk, CAO, or Council, or any error or omission in the information provided to the Town pursuant to s.6.6 of the By-law, shall immediately render the exemption null and void.

<u>Events</u>

Before a noise exemption for an event is considered, the Town must publish at least one notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town containing the relevant information required by the By-law and the date when the application will be considered, at least 10 days prior to the application's consideration. The notice will also be published on the Town's website and advertised through other applicable Town social media outlets. As such, **noise exemption for an event must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the event** for which the exemption is being sought.



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How to Apply

To apply for a noise exemption, complete the following:

- 1. Noise Exemption Application Form
- 2. The **appropriate appendix** based on the type of activity (i.e., Events/Sound Amplification [e.g., Outdoor Speakers], Construction Activity, or other [e.g., Property Maintenance])
- 3. Applicants must a pay a **non-refundable application fee**, identified below, prior to their application being considered:

Type of Noise Exemption Application	Required Fee
Non-Event	\$200.00
Event	\$300.00

Please note, depending on the type and extent of the noise exemption being sought, further information may be requested such as a noise mitigation plan, supplementary reasons in greater detail, etc.

Applications can be submitted by email or in person. Choose <u>ONE</u> of the following methods to apply:

1. EMAIL

Email the completed application to **townhall@collingwood.ca**. Once the application has been submitted, payment must be made in person at Town Hall before your application will be reviewed and considered.

2. IN-PERSON

Submit the completed application and pay the fee in person at Town Hall. Payment by cash, cheque, credit, and debit are accepted.

Who to contact for more information:

If you would like more information or require this in an alternate format to be accessible, please contact Town Hall. Customer Service Representatives are available Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

- 97 Hurontario St. P.O. Box 157, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 3Z5
- Phone: 705-445-1030, press 0 for customer service
- Email: townhall@collingwood.ca