The Corporation of the Township of Norwich

By-law Number 50-2026

To Regulate and Prohibit Noise

Whereas, the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, Section 128 (1), states that "A municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of Council, are or could become or cause public nuisances"; and

Whereas, the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, Section 129, states that " A municipality may prohibit and regulate noise, vibration, odour, dust and outdoor illumination, including indoor lighting that can be seen outdoors; and

Whereas, the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, Section 436, states that " A municipality is permitted to enter upon land and into structures at any reasonable time to inspect the land and structures to determine whether a by -law of the municipality under the Act is being complied with; and

Whereas, the Municipal Act, S. O. 2001, as amended, Section 444, provides that the municipality may make an order requiring the person who contravened the by -law or who caused or permitted the contravention or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred to discontinue the contravening activity, and any person who contravenes such an order is guilty of an offence; and

Whereas, the provisions of this by-law will not contradict and provincial or federal laws.

Now Therefore the Council of The Corporation of The Township of Norwich hereby enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

    1.1 "Unreasonable noise" means any noise that is likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort and repose of any individual on their property.

    1.2 "Construction" means the erection, alteration, repair, dismantling, demolition, structural maintenance, painting, moving, land clearing, earth moving, grading, excavating, the laying of pipe and conduit whether above

or below ground level, street and highway building, concreting, equipment installation and alteration and the structural installation of construction components and materials in any form for any purpose, and includes any work in connection therewith.

1.3 "Power Equipment" means the sound caused by the use or operation of any such noise-generating tool or device that is clearly audible.

1.4 "Agricultural Operation" has the same meaning as contained in the Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998, S. O. 1998, C. 1, as amended, or any successor legislation.

1.5 "Normal farm practice" has the same meaning as contained in the Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998, S. O. 1998, C. 1, as amended, or any successor legislation.

1.6 "Retail Business" means a retail store or wholesale outlet.

1.7 "Retail Store" means a building, or part of a building, in which goods, wares, merchandise, or articles are offered for sale, but does not include any establishment otherwise defined or classified herein.

1.8 "Wholesale Outlet" means an establishment in which goods, wares, merchandise, substances, articles or things are offered or kept for sale in large quantities for sale to commercial and industrial users. A wholesale outlet does not include a retail store.

1.9 "Hotel" or "Motel" means any building or structure, or part thereof, used mainly for the purposes of catering to the needs of the travelling public by supplying food and furnishing sleeping accommodation of not less than four guest rooms, which guest rooms contain no provisions for cooking, and includes all premises licensed under The Liquor License Act and may include permanent staff accommodation.

1.10 "Goods Distribution Facility" means a building used to store products that is commonly known as a warehouse or other specialized building, which is stocked with products (goods) to be redistributed to retailers, wholesalers, or directly to consumers.

1.11 "Restaurant" means a building in which a business prepares and/or serves food and drinks to customers.

2. General Provisions

2.1 No person shall make, cause or permit an unreasonable noise at any time within the Township of Norwich.

2.2 Construction noise, arising between the hour of 7:00AM and 7:00PM, is exempt from this Bylaw.

2.3 The following types of noise, arising between the hour of 7:00AM and 9:00PM, are exempt from this Bylaw:

2.3.1 Discharge of firearms or power equipment usage.

2.4 The following types of noise, arising at anytime, are exempt from this Bylaw:

2.4.1 Police, Fire, Ambulance, or any other services related to public necessity or emergency.

2.4.2 Railway, Airport, or any operations within the legislative authority of Parliament.

2.4.3 Municipal equipment operations, including but not limited to snow removal, road clearance, grass cutting, etc.

2.4.4 Garbage and recycling collection operations.

2.4.5 Operations by, or on behalf of, a public utility where work needs to be done to minimize service interruptions.

2.4.6 Signaling devices utilized as traffic and pedestrian control devices at intersections and crosswalks.

2.4.7 Operations related to municipal construction or maintenance projects.

2.4.8 The discharge of consumer fireworks, display fireworks or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks if such discharge complies with the municipal by -law regulating the discharge of fireworks.

2.4.9 Bells, chimes, carillons or clocks associated with religious or public buildings or uses.

2.4.10 Activities from industrial uses located in lands zoned for industrial use if sound is in accordance with the terms and conditions of a valid Certificate of Approval, provisional Certificate of Approval or other approval issued under the Environmental Protection Act, R.S. O. 1990, c. E. 19, where such approval addresses sound as a source of contamination.

2.4.11 Activities as part of normal farm practice and carried on as part of an agricultural operation.

2.4.12 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 or other lawful gathering between 9:00AM and 6:00PM.

2.4.13 A military or other band in a parade if the parade is operating under written permission of the Township of Norwich.

2.4.14 Any noise generated that is related to the delivery of goods for retail business establishments, restaurants, including cafes and bars, hotels and motels, and good distribution facilities.

2.4.15 The use in a reasonable manner of vehicles and equipment when utilized for the clearing and removal of snow from private property.

3. Enforcement

3.1 The provisions of this by -law shall be enforced by a By -law Enforcement Officer, Provincial Offences Officer (as defined by the Provincial Offences Act), or other individual duly appointed for the purpose of enforcing this by-law.

3.2 A Township By-law Enforcement Officer is authorized to enter onto land to conduct an inspection to determine whether the provisions of this By-law are being complied with.

4. Penalties

4.1 Every person who contravenes any provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to any penalty as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act.

5. Severability

5.1 In the event, that any provision, section, clause, sentence or any part or parts thereof of this By-law is declared by any Court of Law to be invalid, illegal or ultra-vires, such provision, section, clause, sentence or any part or parts thereof shall be severable and shall not affect the validity of any other provision, section, clause, sentence, or any part or parts thereof of this By-law.

6. Schedules

6.1 Part 1 Provincial Offences Act Schedule A attached hereto shall form part of this By-law.

7. Short Title

7.1 This by-law may be referred to as the “Noise By-law”.

8. Repeal

8.1 By-laws 35-2013 and 64-2024 are hereby repealed.

9. Effective Date

9.1 That this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon receiving the approval of the Senior Regional Justice.

Read a First, Second and Third Time and Finally Passed this 13th Day of October, 2026.

Mayor
Jim Palmer

Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Kimberley Armstrong

Corporation of the Township of Norwich

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Schedule A – Part 1 Offences

Item	Column 1 **Short Form Wording**	Column 2 **Provision Creating Or Defining Offence**	Column 3 **Set Fine**
1	Person Makes, Causes, Or Allows Unreasonable Noise	2.1	$200.00

Note: Penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Section 4 of By-law 50-2026, a certified copy of which has been filed.