



# Town of Kentville Bylaw 201

## NOISE

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**BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of Town of Kentville under the authority of the *Municipal Government Act*, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1998, Chapter 18, and amendments thereto as follows:

### 1. SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw shall be known as Bylaw 201 and may be cited as the “Noise Bylaw”.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. “debris” refers to any scattered, abandoned, leftover or unwanted materials from lands, whose placement or delivery may pose a threat or nuisance to individuals or neighbourhoods, and includes physical objects like building materials, construction waste, tree branches and bushes, inorganic materials, rocks, gravel, soils, and similar.
- 2.2. “industrial operation” refers to any use of lands that are zoned as Industrial under the Town's Land Use Bylaw, where the use of land, buildings, or structures is for the manufacturing, processing, fabricating or assembly of raw material or goods, warehousing or bulk storage of goods and related accessory uses.
- 2.3. “noise” means any unwanted sound that doesn't happen in a natural environment and can include sounds coming from people, machinery, equipment, residential and commercial properties, as well as industrial places.”
- 2.4. “Town” means Town of Kentville.

### 3. PROHIBITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

- 3.1 No person or Corporation shall at any time between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. engage in any activity which is likely to generate noise or sound that unreasonably disturbs the peace and tranquility of a neighbourhood. For the purpose of this section, evidence that one

neighbour is unreasonably disturbed by a noise is prima facie evidence that the neighbourhood is unreasonably disturbed by the noise.

- 3.2 Notwithstanding Section 3.1, no person or Corporation shall create any noise which unreasonably disturbs the peace and tranquility of a residential neighbourhood by the dumping or placement of debris not generated from the same property outside the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

#### **4. FIXED EXEMPTIONS**

This bylaw shall not apply to:

- a. emergency response personnel engaged in the execution of their emergency response duties plus ground search and rescue teams, including operating comfort centres and emergency shelters with generators;
- b. the emission of sound in connection with any organized traditional, festive or religious activity;
- c. the emission of sound in connection with calls to worship, ringing of bells at places of religious worship, or services of religious worship;
- d. noises in connection with organized athletic or recreational activities in municipal, school, or public park areas, arenas, or community centres;
- e. noise caused by the Town, Government of Canada, Province of Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Power, or authorized telecommunications companies and their contractors and employees when acting in the reasonable execution of their duties;
- f. noises resulting from the operation of any refrigeration unit which is attached to a refrigeration truck or refrigeration truck body if the refrigeration truck or refrigeration truck body is parked on the property of its commercially assessed business or on lands designated for industrial uses;
- g. any noise emitted from, or associated with, any industrial operation including any noise emitted by or from any equipment or vehicle associated with such industrial operation on the condition that such noise is emitted from an activity which is within the reasonable scope of the Industrial operation; and

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h. noises emitted from audible pedestrian signals.

**5. PENALTY**

- a. Any person or Corporation who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is punishable on summary conviction by a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$2,000, and to imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days in default of payment thereof.
- b. Any person or Corporation who contravenes Section 3 of this bylaw and who is given notice of the contravention may pay to the Town, at the place specified in the notice, the sum of \$500 within 14 days of the date of the notice and shall thereby avoid prosecution for that contravention.

**6. REPEAL**

Town of Kentville Noise Bylaw, Chapter 107, approved by Council on the 26th day of September, 2022, including any amendments thereto, is hereby repealed.

Town of Kentville Noise Bylaw, Chapter 102, Schedule 1 Temporary Noise Exemption Permit Application, is hereby repealed.

**CLERK'S ANNOTATION FOR OFFICIAL BYLAW BOOK**

Date of first reading:	October 27, 2025
Date of advertisement of Notice of Intent to Consider:	October 29, 2025
Date of second reading:	November 24, 2025
Date of advertisement of Passage of Bylaw:	April 10, 2026
Date of mailing a certified copy to Minister:	April 10, 2026
Effective Date:	April 10, 2026

I certify that this Noise Bylaw was adopted by Council of the Town of Kentville on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, and published as indicated above.

**SIGNED** by the Mayor and Clerk this            day of            , 2026.

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Mayor

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Clerk