

## **Noise Control By-law Summary**

### **Noisy Hours and Limits**

- Daytime (7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.): Keep noise below 65 decibels.
- Nighttime (10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.): Keep noise below 55 decibels.

### **General Rules**

- Don't make or allow any noise that disturbs others in Antigonish.
- Even police officers can complain if noise disturbs them in Antigonish.
- If you have a dog, make sure it doesn't bother people in Antigonish.
- Don't play music too loud if others can hear it outside your home.
- No loud noises in streets, parks, or public places that bother people nearby.
- Noises on your property shouldn't disturb neighbors.
- Vehicles must use mufflers appropriate for their type.
- No loud vehicle noises disturbing others.
- No shouting, loud music, or persistent pet noises.
- No loud car or vehicle sounds disturbing peace.

### **Exceptions to the Rules**

- Certain activities and organizations are exempt, like town employees and emergency services.
- Some specific activities are allowed at certain hours, like sports events and religious activities.
- Construction noise is allowed between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Farms can make normal agricultural noises.

### **Applying for Exemptions**

- People can request exemptions from the rules by applying to the Town Council.
- Council considers the benefits of the activity, residents' opinions, and noise levels.

### **Exemption Terms and Enforcement**

- Exemptions are time-limited, up to six months, with specific conditions.
- Council can revoke exemptions if rules are broken.

### **Police Enforcement**

- Police can enter private property to check for noise rule compliance.
- Police can issue tickets for breaking the noise rules, even without a complaint.

### **Penalties for Breaking the Rules**

- Breaking the noise rules may result in a \$387.50 penalty.
- Evidence of one person being disturbed is enough proof of a violation.