

These are the applicable parts of the City of Calgary Community Standards Bylaw Part 9 – Regulation of Noise as they apply to residences:

Continuous Sound in Residential Developments

28. (1) No Person shall cause or permit to be caused a Continuous Sound that exceeds the greater of the following Sound Levels:

(a) 65 decibels (dBA) Leq measured over a one (1) hour period during the Day-time; or

(b) 50 decibels (dBA) Leq measured over a one (1) hour period during the Night-time;

at any Point of Reception within a Residential Development.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where the Ambient Sound Level for an area is at or above the maximum allowable Day-time or Night-time Sound Levels referred to in subsection (1), measured over a one (1) hour period, a Sound Level must exceed 5 decibels (dBA) Leq over the Ambient Sound Level before it becomes an offence.

28.1 (1) In this section, “Sound Level” means the sound pressure measured in decibels using the “C” weighted network of a Sound Level Meter with fast response.

(2) No Person shall operate or permit to be operated an air conditioner, fan, central vacuum system or generator that causes a Continuous Sound that exceeds the greater of the following Sound Levels:

(a) 70 decibels (dBC) Leq measured over a one (1) hour period during the Day-time; or

(b) 60 decibels (dBC) Leq measured over a one (1) hour period during the Night-time;

at any Point of Reception within a Residential Development.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), where the Ambient Sound Level for an area is at or above the maximum allowable Day-time or Night-time Sound Levels referred to in subsection (2), measured over a one (1) hour period, a Sound Level must exceed 5 decibels (dBC) Leq over the Ambient Sound Level before it becomes an offence.

Non-Continuous Sound in Residential Developments and Downtown

30. No Person shall cause or permit to be caused a Non-Continuous Sound that exceeds:

(a) 85 decibels (dBA) Leq measured over a period of 15 minutes during the Day-time; or

(b) 75 decibels (dBA) Leq measured over a period of 15 minutes during the Night-time;

at any Point of Reception within a Residential Development or Downtown.

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Definitions

(e) "Daytime" means the period:

- (i) beginning at 7:00 A.M. and ending at 10:00 P.M. of the same day on Weekdays; or
- (ii) beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 10:00 P.M. of the same day on a Weekend;

(l) "Night-time" means the period beginning at 10:00 P.M. and ending the following day at:

- (i) 7:00 A.M. if the following day is a Weekday; or
- (ii) 9:00 A.M. if the following day is a Weekend;

(d) "Continuous Sound" means any Sound Level that occurs:

- (i) for a continuous duration of more than 3 minutes; or
- (ii) sporadically for a total of more than 3 minutes, in any continuous 15 minute time period;

(m) "Non-Continuous Sound" means any Sound Level that is not a Continuous Sound measured with a Sound Level Meter;

(r) "Residential Building" means a structure that contains one or more dwelling units including a house, multi-family dwelling, housing project, apartment building, lodging house, senior citizen complex or hospital;