



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

BYLAW NO. 3260

A Bylaw to Abate and Prohibit Car Alarm Nuisances

Whereas under the Municipal Act a council may, by bylaw, prevent, abate, and prohibit nuisances, and provide for the recovery of the cost of abatement of nuisances from persons causing the nuisance or other persons described in the bylaw;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam wishes to prohibit, and provide for the abatement and cost recovery of, the nuisance created by the sounding of vehicle alarm systems in specified circumstances;

Now Therefore the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Vehicle Alarm Nuisance Bylaw, 2000, No. 3260”.
2. In this bylaw:
 - (a) “**City**” means the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam;
 - (b) “**Council**” means the Council of the City;
 - (c) “**Owner**” has the meaning given to it in the *Motor Vehicle Act*;
 - (d) “**Traffic Bylaw**” means the City’s Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 1998, No. 3155;
 - (e) “**Traffic Officer**” has the meaning given to it in the Traffic Bylaw;
 - (f) “**Vehicle**” has the meaning given to it in the *Motor Vehicle Act*;
3. No owner shall allow the vehicle alarm system of his or her vehicle to sound for a continuous period of time of more than fifteen (15) minutes.
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6. Where a vehicle alarm system has sounded for a continuous period of time of more than fifteen minutes, the nuisance created by that vehicle alarm may be abated by or under the direction of any Traffic Officer by removing, detaining, and impounding that vehicle in accordance with the provisions and procedures set out in the Traffic Bylaw for vehicle impoundment.
7. Where a vehicle is impounded under section 4 of this bylaw, all provisions of the Traffic Bylaw respecting vehicle impoundment shall apply.
8. All costs of abatement, including the fees, costs, and expenses of removal, detainment, and impoundment of the vehicle levied in accordance with the Traffic Bylaw must be paid by the owner.
9. This bylaw shall not apply where a vehicle alarm is sounding due to an accident involving that vehicle, or a break-in or attempted break-in to that vehicle.
10. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this bylaw commits an offence punishable upon summary conviction and is liable to a fine of not more than \$2,000 or to imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or to both.

Read a first time by the Municipal Council this 25th day of April, 2000.

Read a second time by the Municipal Council this 25th day of April, 2000.

Read a third time by the Municipal Council this 25th day of April, 2000.

Adopted by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam this 8th day of May, 2000.

"L.M. TRABOULAY"

Mayor

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Director of Corporate Services