

**BY-LAW NUMBER 065 – 2012
OF THE
CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEAFORD**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 072-2011 TO PROHIBIT AND
REGULATE NOISES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Meaford deems it in the public interest to pass a By-law to prohibit and regulate noises within the municipality likely to disturb inhabitants; and

WHEREAS Section 129 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, R.S.O. c. 25* as amended, enables councils to pass by-laws for noises likely to disturb inhabitants; and

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**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY
OF MEAFORD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That **PART 1 DEFINITIONS “Enforcing Officer”** be deleted and replaced with the following definition:

“Officer” shall mean a Police Officer who is a member of the Ontario Provincial Police.
2. That **PART 1 DEFINITIONS** be amended by adding the following definition: **“Sound”** is a sensation caused in the ear due to a vibration of air or other medium;

“Zone” shall mean a zone as defined in the Municipality of Meaford Zoning By-law, as amended.
3. That **PART 3**, items a, b, c, d, e, f and h be deleted and replaced as follows:
 - (a) The sound or noise from, or created by, any radio, television, phonograph, or any other electronic device, or any musical or sound producing instrument of whatsoever kind when such radio, television, phonograph, device or instrument is played or operated in such a manner likely to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any inhabitant within, or having quiet enjoyment of the lands upon which is located, any dwelling unit, hotel, motel, or any other type of residence at all times in residential zones except in all other zones between the hours of 23:00 hours of one day to 8:00 hours of the next day.
 - (b) No person shall ring any bell, blow any horn, shout or make any unusual noise, or noise calculated to disturb the inhabitants provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the ringing of bells in connection with any church, chapel, meeting house or religious service, or the ringing of fire bells or fire alarms, or the making of any other noise for the purpose of giving notice of fire or any other danger at all times in residential zones except in all other zones between the hours of 23:00 hours of one day to 8:00 hours of the next day.
 - (c) The sound or noise from the operation of *construction equipment* or the act of *construction* between the hours of 20:00 hours of any weekday to 07:00 hours of the next weekday except Saturdays between the hours of 17:00 hours of one day to 08:00 hours of the next day and at all times on Sundays and *Holidays* unless written permission to specifically extend or alter the herein before mentioned time periods has been given in writing by Council.
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 - (f) The grating, grinding, rattling noise or any other noise caused by a condition of disrepair or maladjustment of any motor vehicle or other vehicle whatsoever or part or accessory thereof, at all times in residential zones except in all other zones between the hours of 23:00 hours of one day to 8:00 hours of the next day.
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4. That **PART 5 AND PART 6 AND PART 9** be deleted.
5. That **PART 8** be deleted and replaced with:
- THAT this By-law shall be enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 9th day of July, 2012.

Original signed by

Francis Richardson, Mayor

Original signed by

Pamela Fettes, Clerk

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