

Motion : Noise bylaw amendment to 7:30 am

Whereas bylaw 8856 restricts construction to a start time of 7:00 am Monday through Friday be it resolved that the bylaw be amended to change the start time to 7:30 am Monday to Friday and these bylaws be applied to all trades such as Landscape companies and others that create excessive noise with their equipment.

Rational : Residents are often subject to excessive noise that negatively affects the quality of their lives in residential neighbourhoods, a further half hour in the early morning will improve the quality of life and better regulate how trades operate their businesses.



## Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856 Amendments

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**Revised:** 2018-05-13

### **Purpose:**

To inform builders and owners of amendments to Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856, the "Bylaw". The amendments include restrictions to demolition and construction activities on Sundays and Statutory holidays and the introduction of signage requirements.

### **Background:**

The City made amendments to the Bylaw on September 14 and November 09, 2015 to address demolition and construction noise concerns raised by members of the general public.

### **Implementation:**

The Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856 was amended to include the following:

#### **Noise Restrictions**

The primary change to the Bylaw will limit construction activities on Sundays and Statutory holidays to work performed by homeowners or occupants, provided that construction noise levels do not exceed the limits stipulated in the Bylaw. Under this amendment, contractors are prohibited from creating noise due to construction activities during Sundays and Statutory holidays.

Construction noise is permitted under the Bylaw provided it does not have a rating exceeding 85 dBA when measured at a distance of 15.2 m (50 feet) from the source of the noise and only occurs:

- between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday that is not a Statutory holiday for any type of construction;
- between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Saturday that is not a Statutory holiday for any type of construction; and
- between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on a Sunday or Statutory holiday, provided the construction is in connection with a residential building or structure and undertaken personally by the homeowner or occupier of the premises.

#### **Requirements for Posted Signage**

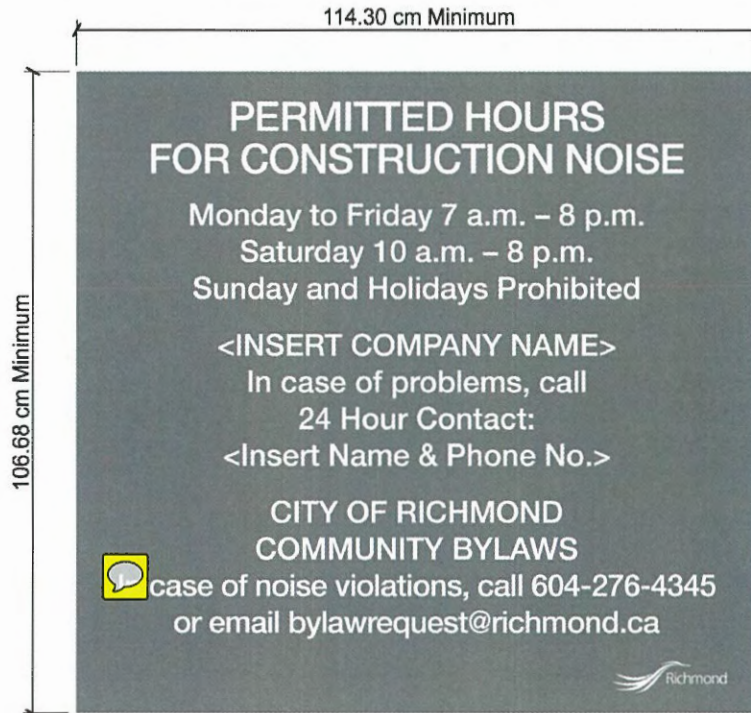
Where the construction value exceeds \$150,000.00, signage shall be installed and maintained on the premises in accordance with the following:

- The sign shall be at least 1.48 m<sup>2</sup> for construction that is in respect to a single or two-family dwelling or 2.97 m<sup>2</sup> for all other types of construction.
- The posted signage shall be a minimum of 114.30 cm (45 in.) wide by 106.68 cm (42 in.) high.
- The sign shall include the following information:
  - permitted hours for construction noise, as indicated in Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856;
  - name of the company undertaking the construction, if applicable;
  - name and phone number of the general contractor, owner or other person available to address complaints about the construction on a 24 hour per day basis; and
  - phone number and email address of the City's Community Bylaws Department (call 604-276-4345 or email [bylawrequest@richmond.ca](mailto:bylawrequest@richmond.ca)).
- The sign is to be secured to the building or supported by posts or poles and be capable of withstanding all weather conditions.

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- The background colour of the sign shall be grey and the words shall be white Helvetica medium block lettering with a minimum letter height of 2.54 cm (1 in.).
- The owner, occupier, builder or developer shall maintain the sign required on the premises from the commencement date of any construction to the date that final occupancy is permitted.

### Construction Sign Sample

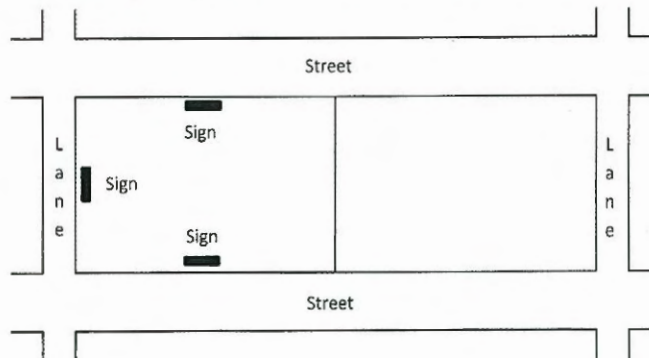


#### Sign Placement

Height From Ground - maximum 3.65 m

Height From Ground - minimum 1.52 m

Sign Quantity - 1 sign for EACH street and/or lane fronting the property



Note: Drawing not to scale.

The above-noted signage requirements will apply to all Demolition and Building Permits issued as of September 15, 2015, for all combined construction valued over \$150,000.00.

Should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions concerning this bulletin, please reference the Bulletin Number and email [building@richmond.ca](mailto:building@richmond.ca) or call the Building Approvals General Inquiries line at 604-276-4118.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856, please contact the [Community Bylaws Department at 604-276-4345](mailto:bylawrequest@richmond.ca) or email [bylawrequest@richmond.ca](mailto:bylawrequest@richmond.ca).