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ATTENTION: CITY CLERK/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RE: THE NOISE BYLAW NO. 1 OF 2016 AND THE TRAFFIC BYLAW NO.
35 OF 2020 (CLAUSE 35 ENGINE RETARDER BRAKES)

Mayor Powalinsky has suggested that I request to be allotted a time slot in the upcoming Executive Committee Meeting on April 27th to address the above issues and how they relate to our location at Northcrest Estates, 1901-1 1/2 Avenue West.

1. The City Noise Bylaw states quiet hours are between 11 pm – 7 am. Some heavy duty vehicles (semis) travelling northbound on 2nd Avenue to the foot of the hill (15th Street) are using engine retarder brakes during these hours. This is disturbing to our rest especially now with windows open to enjoy the evening air.
2. Engine retarder brakes are being used, heading northbound, during daylight hours in contravention of City Bylaw 35.
3. The Saskatchewan Traffic Safety Act (Sec 215) and the Vehicle Equipment Regulations 1987 (Sec 18,223) also prohibit excessive or unnecessary vehicle noise and states that all heavy duty vehicles (semis) must be equipped with a muffler that effectively reduces combustion noise (preventing the use of straight pipes). It is highly likely that a limited number of these noisy semis are contravening this provincial act also.

I look forward to hearing back from your office in this regard.

Thank you.

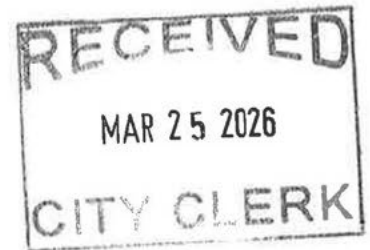
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**Recommended
Disposition:**

REFER TO
PUBLIC WORKS



March 23, 2026

██████████ 1 ½ Avenue W.
Prince Albert, SK S6V 5A8

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

City of Prince Albert
2nd Floor, City Clerk's Office
1084 Central Avenue
Prince Albert, SK S6V 7P3

ATTENTION: Mayor Powalinsky and City Council

RE: THE NOISE BYLAW NO. 1 OF 2016 AND THE TRAFFIC BYLAW NO.35 OF 2020 (CLAUSE 35 ENGINE RETARDER BRAKES)

This letter is being written to the City on behalf of the residents of Northcrest Estates, a condominium complex located at 1901 1 ½ Avenue W. During Mr. Dionne's tenure as Mayor, we addressed this ongoing noise issue by submitting a petition asking that this be addressed. In response, Mr. Dionne sent a letter to us (copy attached) in which he laid out how he would like to see this matter progress. We followed up with Mayor Powalinsky after he won the election and he indicated that this matter should be brought before City Council.

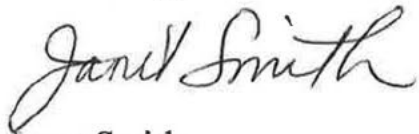
We therefore request that Council address this issue and provide relief from the ongoing noise issues on 2nd Avenue W northbound from 22nd Street W. down to 15th Street W. Numerous semi drivers are using their engine retarder brakes coming down this 8% grade. To exacerbate this noise issue, it sounds like some of these rigs are also running with straight pipes (lack of a muffler) which we believe is also against provincial law.

We request that signage be installed at the entrances to the City (especially on northbound lanes) referencing the bylaw and associated fines. It would also be appreciated if the same type of signage be installed just prior to 22nd Street W. on 2 Avenue W. northbound as this is the problem area for city residents bordering the downgrade. Needless to say, increased fines would also be a deterrent as well as dedicated enforcement of both bylaws.

In closing, we would appreciate any and all consideration to these matters that Council can offer.

We look forward to hearing back from the City concerning these ongoing noise infractions. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Janet Smith

Northcrest Estates

██████████ 1 1 ½ Avenue W.

Prince Albert SK S6V 5A8

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City of
Prince Albert

November 5, 2024

Dear Northcrest Estates Condo Residents:

Re: Noise level on 2nd Ave W

I want to start off by thanking you for this petition as this will really help me push this item forward that I have been working on.

1. Current Bylaw –
Bylaw No. 35 of 2020 (Traffic Bylaw), Clause 35. Engine Retarder Brakes.
 - a) No person operating a vehicle shall use engine retarder brakes in the City.
 - The minimum fine for this infraction is \$100.00 as per clause 89.
- 2) I'm proposing the change to the bylaw that the fine goes to \$500.
- 3) That we put new signage up at all our entrances referring to the bylaw about the brakes and fines that they will receive.
- 4) That we reerect one of these new signs right at the top of the hill as that is our problem area.
- 5) Enforcement!!!

I sat down at the bottom of the hill two(2) early mornings and witnessed what your concerns is. I discovered that most of the violators were independent truckers. I had one NRT truck come by so I phoned the General Manager who assured me that they have a strict policy on the reactor brakes and he will send a message to all drivers to stop and that if they get caught besides their responsible for their fine they will be suspended.

In closing as this moves forward, I will keep you posted. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Greg Dionne
Mayor