City of Kingston Noise By-Law information Sheet for Tenants

- While you are living in Kingston, you need to be aware of and comply with the by-laws of the City of Kingston, in addition to doing other things to be a good citizen.

- One of these by-laws is The City of Kingston Noise By-Law (No. 2004-52).

- In basic, the noise by-law prohibits:
  - Using any device that produces or amplifies sound/voices (e.g. stereos, speakers, television, etc), at any time of day, that can be heard outside your rental unit by others (including other apartments if you are in a multi-unit building) (s. 4.1). In other words, it is never ok to blast your music or play it at a volume that can be heard outside of your own unit.
  - Yelling, shouting, singing, playing musical instruments, etc. between 9:00 p.m. of one day and 7:00 a.m. of the next day (9:00 a.m. Sundays). Often violations here occur when students have groups of friends over at the time those friends are leaving to go downtown (or if hanging out outside).

- Any person who violates the provisions of the by-law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is subject to a fine as provided in the Provincial Offences Act and other penalties.
  - By-law officers who attend your house/apartment may issue fines on the spot.

- Queen’s Security may also attend your house/apartment. If a report is made, your landlord may be contacted about the problem. On occasion, offenses may also be referred to the AMS Judicial Officer for investigation/prosecution under the Student Code of Conduct.

- The full by-law can be found online at:

  https://www.cityofkingston.ca/documents/10180/16904/Noise%20Bylaw

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