

BY-LAW 2025-XXX

A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2017-255, as amended, concerning the use of sound amplification at special events.

The Council of the City of Ottawa enacts as follows:

1. Section 1 of By-law No. 2017-255, entitled "A by-law of the City of Ottawa respecting noises", as amended, is amended by adding the following definition immediately following the definition of "special event":

"Special Events By-law" means the Special Events By-law (No. 2025-XXX) of the City of Ottawa or any successor by-law;

2. Section 1 of Said By-law No. 2017-255 is further amended by repealing the definition of "special event", and replacing it with the following:

""special event" means a social, recreational, educational, community or similar event occurring outdoors, including but not limited to a festival, a fair, or a parade, where:

- (a) the event is anticipated have 500 or more participants at any given time; or
- (b) the event occurs on a highway and, in addition to a highway event permit, requires permits or approvals for staging, noise exemptions, fireworks, open air fires or other municipally regulated activities; and
- (c) the event is not a block party or a demonstration.

3. Said By-law No. 2017-255 is further amended by repealing clause (c) of subsection (9) of section 4 and replacing it with the following clause:

- (c) the use of sound reproduction devices in a reasonable manner for parades or special events carried on under the authority of a permit pursuant to the Special Events By-law or in accordance with the law;

EFFECTIVE DATE

4. This by-law shall come into force and effect on January 02, 2026.