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Honorable Eric Adams  
Mayor  
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**Re: Local Law 53 and 58 Noise Reports for Calendar Year 2023**

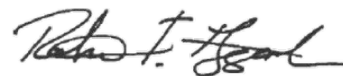
Dear Mayor Adams:

Attached are the Local Law Noise and Air Reports for Calendar Year 2023 as required by Local Laws 53 and 58 of 2018.

Local Law 53 documents the number of noise inspections, with a focus on the number of noise complaints received by the Department of Environmental Protection related to after-hours noise complaints and response time to those complaints as well as the number of summonses issued. The numbers remained fairly consistent with a total of 48,459 noise complaints last year, and 51,793 this year. After hours complaint violations remained static with 123 summonses last year and 137 summonses this year.

Local Law 58 details the number of idling violations issued by the Department of Environmental Protection as well as the number of citizen complaint filings and the civil penalties imposed for each enforcement action. The summonses have more than doubled since the last Calendar Year, 2022 report, from 36,261 to 72,053 and the imposed summons amount have risen from \$8,365,950 to \$37,395,760.00. It should also be noted that the City has collected approximately \$30 million since the program started in 2018.

Sincerely,



**Rohit T. Aggarwala**  
**Commissioner**

c: Hon., Adrienne Adams  
Speaker New York City Council



## Local Law 53 Annual Report Calendar Year 2023

This report details the number of noise inspections, with a focus on the number of noise complaints received by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) related to after-hours noise complaints and response time to those complaints as well as the number of summonses issued.

The answers below describe the status of the DEP's implementation of the law and respond to the specific questions posed in the legislation.

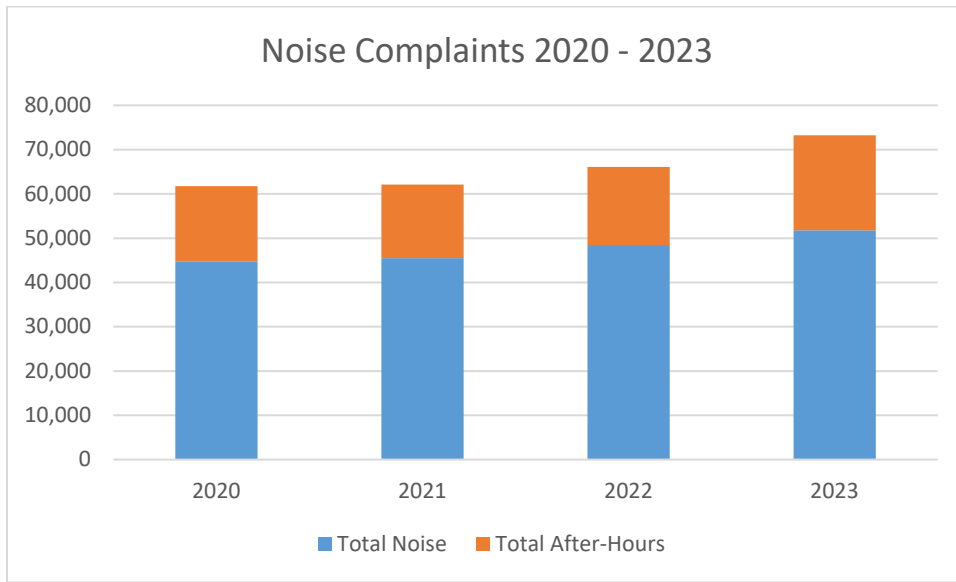
*1. What is the number of inspectors employed by the department?*

There are 65 Air and Noise Inspectors. DEP is in the process of hiring 10 additional inspectors. Four of these new inspectors will be assigned to the after-hours unit to help with the response to these noise complaints. The remaining six will be supporting the citizen idling program, the noise camera program, and other 311 complaint response.

*2. What is the number of complaints regarding noise received by the department, disaggregated by the type of noise?*

<b>Noise Complaints CY 2023</b>	Noise: Barking Dog	7,473
	Noise: Ice Cream Truck	1,540
	Noise: Other Animals	269
	Noise: Lawn Care Equipment	1,070
	Noise: Alarms	4,203
	Noise: Boat (Engine, Music, Etc.)	247
	Noise: Construction Before/After Hours	21,466
	Noise: Construction Equipment	7,918
	Noise: Jack Hammering	2,351
	Noise: Loud Music From Siebel System (majority of these complaints go to NYPD)	72
	Noise: Loud Music/Daytime (majority of these complaints go to NYPD)	29
	Noise: Loud Music/Nighttime (majority of these complaints go to NYPD)	3
	Noise: Manufacturing Noise	116
	Noise: Other Noise Sources	47
	Noise: Private Carting Noise	827
	Noise: Vehicle (majority of these complaints go to NYPD)	1
	Noise: Air Condition/Ventilation Equipment	4,161
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>51,793</b>

The overall noise complaints have remained fairly consistent, with total complaints and after-hours complaints increasing in 2023. This may be related to an increase in people working from home and an increase in construction activities since the beginning of COVID.



2020 – Total Noise 44,754 / Total After-Hours 16,974

2021 – Total Noise 45,512 / Total After-Hours 16,607

2022 – Total Noise 48,459 / Total After-Hours 17,625

2023 – Total Noise 51,793 / Total After-Hours 21,466

As discussed above, DEP will be assigning additional inspectors to the units that handle after-hours complaints to increase enforcement related to these complaints.

DEP also recently acquired nine remote noise monitoring devices that will be used to monitor problematic construction sites with multiple duplicate complaints as a pilot project to evaluate compliance with alternative noise mitigation plans. DEP also is evaluating improvements to the Construction Noise Rules that would be implemented in 2024 including requiring large construction projects perform remote noise monitoring around their sites and provide the data to DEP for evaluation as well as additional noise mitigation measures.

*3. What is the number of after-hours noise complaints responded to within the amount of time prescribed by rule as well as the number of duplicative after-hours noise complaints?*

There were 21,466 after-hour complaints filed through 311 in CY2023. Of those, 7,614 were duplicative. All after-hours noise complaints follow the prescribed protocol which is contained at the end of the document.

The link below sets out the DEP's rule concerning response times. Please see:

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/newyorkcity/latest/NYCrules/0-0-0-109903>

*4. What is the number of non-violation resolution to complaints?*

There were 21,329 complaints that did not result in summonses being issued

*5. What is the number of noise related violations issued for after-hours complaints?*

For after-hours, 137 summonses were issued<sup>1</sup>. A majority of complaints are addressed during the inspection when corrective action is taken to address the complaint issue.

*6. What is the number of such violations that were dismissed for after-hours complaints?*

There were 9 dismissed.

*7. What is the amount of civil penalties paid pursuant to after-hours summonses?*

\$92,957.55 were paid, with \$285,780.00 imposed.

*8. What is the number of alternative noise mitigation plans approved pursuant to section 24-221 of the Noise Code?*

There were 1,473 approved.

*9. What is the number of written stop work orders issued pursuant to section 24-223.1 of the Noise Code?*

None were issued.

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<sup>1</sup> Note the date used is the received date of the summons.