

**TO THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL:**

The Mayor's proposed noise code doesn't go far enough to really control motorcycle noise. We urge you (1) to prohibit motorcycle noise, both from individual motorcycles and groups of motorcycles, that is plainly audible at 50 feet or more and (2) to impose the same penalty on each person in a group of motorcycles that collectively violates this standard as on an individual violator.

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DR. GIL HOROWITZ, 2 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10011

We will forward to council members.

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# Help Control Motorcycle Noise!

Last June Mayor Bloomberg announced legislation that will provide the first comprehensive overhaul of the New York City noise code in more than 30 years. It's a big, expansive plan, but it doesn't do enough to control motorcycle noise on our neighborhood streets.

Bloomberg's 45-page bill, which addresses everything from construction site noise to Mister Softee ice cream truck jingles, discusses motorcycle noise in just one sentence:

"No person shall cause or permit any motorcycle to operate on a public right-of-way where the muffler or exhaust generates a sound that is plainly audible to another individual at a distance of 200 feet or more from the motorcycle."

This is a start, but it doesn't go far enough. We want two improvements:

1. *Reduce the 200-foot audible limit on motorcycle noise.* The 200-foot limit was put in the proposed code arbitrarily; no tests were conducted to determine the distance at which people who have normal hearing can plainly hear motorcycles with the required, standard mufflers. We propose a distance that will be easier on the ears and nerves of the people who live here. **In the absence of public tests to determine fair limits, the motorcycle limit should be set at 50 feet.**
2. *Limit the distance at which groups of motorcycles may be plainly audible.* The Mayor's bill takes bold steps forward by restricting "cumulative" sound from groups of circulation devices such as air conditioners, and restricts "aggregate" sound from construction sites. The noise code should also restrict cumulative sound from groups of motorcycles. **Every motorcycle contributing to sound that is plainly audible at 50 feet should be equally subject to penalty.**

The Mayor's noise legislation is now being considered by the City Council. Please join us in seeking these two improvements to the legislation by signing the petition on the reverse side of this page.