



2025 Annual Report for Noise Camera Enforcement Program **Pursuant to Local Law 7 of 2024**

Background

Noise emissions from loud vehicle engines or mufflers can impinge on the quality of life in New York City. Some vehicle noise is so loud that it can even be a source of harmful public health impacts, such as sleep deprivation and hearing loss. In recent years, complaints about loud vehicle engines and mufflers have increased. The Department of Environmental Protection's Noise Camera Enforcement Program was created to combat this excessive noise. With strategically placed noise cameras, the Department ("DEP") identifies vehicles that exceed the New York City Noise Code's limits. A summons can be issued to any vehicle found to be violating these limits using evidence gathered by the camera.

Local Law 7

Local Law 7 of 2024 mandates a noise camera program that detects motor vehicles exceeding noise limits under the Noise Code. Subject to appropriations, DEP must install no fewer than five noise cameras in each borough by September 2025. In 2025, DEP had twelve cameras and has not received appropriations to expand the program.

Overview of the Program

The noise cameras are comprised of an array of microphones and cameras, including a "fisheye" (panoramic) and license plate reader (LPR) camera. When the microphones detect that a certain noise threshold is exceeded, the fisheye camera pinpoints the source of noise by placing a red dot on the source. Using the photo of the license plate that is captured by the LPR camera, the owner of the vehicle can be identified. Then, a summons for engine/muffler noise can be issued by DEP staff. Summonses for engine and muffler noise are issued pursuant to section 24-236(e) of the Noise Code. However, DEP not only uses the noise cameras to address engine/muffler noise but also uses them to address horn honking under section 24-237(a) and music from vehicles under section 24-233(b). The summonses are returnable at the NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH.) If found in violation at OATH, civil penalties are imposed against the vehicle owner.

Annual Report

Pursuant to section 24-236.1(e) of the Noise Code, DEP is required to submit to the Mayor and the Speaker of the Council, and to post on its website, an annual report on the program including:

1. The locations of any such photo noise violation monitoring devices and time periods during which such devices were used;
2. The total number of violations recorded by photo noise violation monitoring devices on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis;
3. The total number of notices of violation issued for violations recorded by such devices;

4. The total number of violations (summonses) adjudicated in accordance with subchapter 8 of this chapter and the results of such adjudications, disaggregated by dispositions made for violations recorded by such devices; and
5. Any expenses incurred by the city in connection with the program.

Reported Data

| Location Number | Camera Location | Dates Deployed | Dates camera was inactive or date of removal at the location | Number of summonses issued at this location (filed at OATH) | Number of Events Captured at the location |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| 1 | 2698 Bailey Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463 | 1/1/2025 - 11/19/25 | Under maintenance 11/19/25-12/31/25 | 77 | 1,195 |
| 2 | 1469 Saint Nicholas Avenue, New York, NY 10033 | 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 | | 208 | 1,569 |
| 3 | 150 West 65th Street, New York, NY 10023 | 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 | | 126 | 1,781 |
| 4 | 210 East 36th Street, New York, NY 10016 | 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 | | 701 | 3,329 |
| 5 | 25-45 Borden Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101 | 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 | | 210 | 1,299 |
| 6 | 2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11235 | 1/1/2025 - 5/28/2025 | Under maintenance 5/28/2025-12/31/2025 | 30 | 409 |
| 7 | 36-11 20th Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11105 | 1/1/2025 - 2/9/2025 | Removed 2/9/2025 | 7 | 12 |

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| 8 | 510 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10018 | 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 | | 211 | 3,074 |
| 9 | 6700 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn 11220 | 1/1/2025 - 1/5/25 | Removed 1/5/2025 | 32 | 32 |
| 10 | 110 Tillary Street, Brooklyn 11201 | 10/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 | | 17 | 1,673 |
| 11 | 1209 Viele Avenue, Bronx 10474 | 8/4/2025 - 12/3/2025 | Under maintenance 12/3/2025-12/31/2025 | 67 | 1,552 |
| 12 | 98-05 63 Drive Rego Park 11374 | 4/25/2025 - 5/26/2025 | Removed 5/26/2025 | 4 | 48 |
| 13 | 99-18 64 Avenue, Rego Park 11374 | 8/4/2025 - 10/31/2025 | Under maintenance 10/31/2025-12/31/2025 | 1 | 21 |

Totals (All Locations)

There were 1,691 Summonses issued in 2025. There were 15,994 events. Therefore, 11%, resulted in summonses, with only 1.2% of the summonses dismissed at OATH. The number of summonses issued daily was 4.6 summonses; 33 summonses were issued on a weekly basis; and 141 summonses were issued on a monthly basis in CY 2025.

Adjudications in 2025

| CY 2025 Dispositions (12 cameras) | CY 2025 Summonses (Filed at OATH) |
|--|--|
| Defaulted | 965 |
| New Issuance/Rescheduled | 290 |
| In Violation | 214 |
| Stipulated | 12 |
| Adjourned | 14 |
| Dismissed | 20 |
| Admit/In Violation | 176 |

Note: Summonses issued during a calendar year may not be adjudicated within the same calendar year.

Expenses Incurred by the City

Below is a summary of the program’s personnel costs for CY 2025. Below is a summary of the vendor costs for CY 25.

Personnel Costs, Calendar Year 2025

Staffing: 2 Senior Inspectors, 6 Inspectors, 1 Administrative Manager

Total Personnel Cost: \$492,565

Vendor Costs for Calendar Year 2025

The Noise Camera Enforcement Program has partnered with Intelligent Instruments Ltd. to provide equipment, calibration, and service for the noise camera systems. Below is a summary of DEP’s costs for equipment and services provided by Intelligent Instruments Ltd.

Vendor costs for Calendar Year 2025

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| CY25 | Calibration and Service for Noise Cameras | \$ 109,092 |
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City Revenue

For Calendar Year 2025, the penalties imposed amounted to \$1,472,265 and the amount paid was \$308,229.