

# Staff Report

Community Services Department

**REPORT TO:** Finance and Corporate Services Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** August 14, 2023

**SUBMITTED BY:** Gloria MacNeil, Director of Enforcement, 519-741-2200 ext. 7952

**PREPARED BY:** Gloria MacNeil, Director of Enforcement, 519-741-2200 ext. 7952

**WARD(S) INVOLVED:** 1

**DATE OF REPORT:** July 25, 2023

**REPORT NO.:** CSD-2023-333

**SUBJECT:** Noise Exemption – Burning House Music Festival – Bingemans – September 16, 2023

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## RECOMMENDATION:

That an exemption to Chapter 450 (Noise) of the City of Kitchener Municipal Code be granted to Sigma Chi Fraternity for Burning House Music Festival event being held at 425 Bingeman Centre Drive on September 16, 2023 from 4pm – 11pm, as outlined in CSD-2023-333.

This exemption is subject to the following conditions, which, if not complied with, will render the noise exemption null and void:

- a) There shall be no offensive language, in the opinion of City staff, generated from the music events, audible in any adjacent residential neighbourhood. The event organizers will ensure that there is an on-site contact person accessible to correspond with City staff at all times during the event(s);
- b) The event organizer will be responsible for the cost of a pay-duty Noise Officer, to be assigned specifically to these event(s);
- c) The event organizers agree to respond accordingly to requests from City staff, during the event(s), in order to address community concerns that may arise with regard to the impact of noise heard within adjacent residential areas; and
- d) The maximum decibel level (dba) audible from a residential area shall not exceed 55 dba.
- e) All events must end no later than 11pm.

## REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Sigma Chi Fraternity will be hosting Burning House Music Festival at Bingemans, to welcome back students.
- The event will include amplified music or sound.
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

\*\*\* This information is available in accessible formats upon request. \*\*\*  
Please call 519-741-2345 or TTY 1-866-969-9994 for assistance.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Sigma Chi Fraternity at Wilfred Laurier University will be hosting Burning House Music Festival at Bingemans on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 4pm to 11pm.

**REPORT:**

This event is organized by students, for students in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, as a way to welcome students back as they return from summer vacations and to help foster a sense of community while creating lasting memories.

The event will be showcasing local artists in an effort to promote the music production scene in KW and will include several DJ's mixing songs with a variety of music including house, dance, EDM and pop remixes.

The music festival will take place in the event square at Bingemans which is located directly behind Boston Pizza, anticipated attendance is 1000 – 2000 students.

The event organizers will be on site and will work with staff to respond accordingly to any complaints or requests related to noise concerns in adjacent residential neighbourhoods.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This report supports the delivery of core services.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

The event organizer is responsible for ensuring that this event is communicated throughout the community in advance of the event.

**APPROVED BY:** Michael May, Deputy CAO, Community Services Department