

# Staff Report



Community Services Department

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**REPORT TO:** Community and Infrastructure Services Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 16, 2025

**SUBMITTED BY:** Gloria MacNeil, Director of Enforcement, 519-783-8516

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**WARD(S) INVOLVED:** All

**DATE OF REPORT:** May 30, 2025

**REPORT NO.:** CSD-2025-197

**SUBJECT:** Noise Exemption – KW Oktoberfest Inc.

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## RECOMMENDATION:

That an exemption to Chapter 450 (Noise) of the City of Kitchener Municipal Code be granted to K-W Oktoberfest Inc. for a series of events being held at various clubs between September 26 through October 18, 2025, as outlined in the letter from K-W Oktoberfest Inc., dated April 11, 2025 attached to Report CSD-2025-197

## REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to seek a blanket noise exemption for K-W Oktoberfest which will be held at various club locations throughout the city.
- Oktoberfest celebrations will take place over a three-week span from September 26 thru October 18, 2025
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

## BACKGROUND:

K-W Oktoberfest Inc. is requesting an exemption to Chapter 450 (Noise) of the City's Municipal Code for a series of Oktoberfest events being held during the 2025 Oktoberfest festivities. A copy of their request is attached.

## REPORT:

The number of noise complaints relating to these events over the past several years has been minimal. Typically, there appears to be a large degree of acceptance by City residents to these events, given their vast popularity and broad community benefits. The level of cooperation that staff has received from event organizers has been positive.

## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report supports the delivery of core services.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

Oktoberfest events are widely advertised throughout the entire community.

**APPROVED BY:** Michael May, DCAO

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Request Letter from K-W Oktoberfest Inc.