



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting low bass music originating from open-air structures and spaces used for performances or events

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 24-203 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new subdivisions (64) and (65) to read as follows:

(64) Bass means tones of low frequency and pitch.

(65) Hertz means the practical unit of measurement of bass and is the standard measure of frequency of a sound wave, with 1 hertz equaling 1 cycle of such wave per second.

§ 2. Subchapter 5 of chapter 2 of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-231.1 to read as follows:

§ 24-231.1 Low bass music originating from open-air structures and spaces. No person shall make or cause, or cause or permit to be made or caused, any music originating from a fixed open-air structure or an open-air space used for performances or events, including but not limited to an open-air stadium, theater, or field used for such purposes, that is measured at a bass level of 40 hertz or below for a duration of 10 seconds or more, as measured at any point within a receiving property or as measured at a distance of 15 feet or more from the perimeter of such structure or space on a public right-of-way.

§ 3. Table I in paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of section 24-257 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding after the row beginning 24-231(d) civil penalties for violation of section 24-231.1, to read as follows:

TABLE 1						
Civil Penalties						
Violations related to section and subdivision	First Violation		Second Violation*		Third and Subsequent Violations*	
	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum
24.231.1	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>

§ 4. This local law takes effect immediately.

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