

Sec. 30.7 Vehicle exhaust/excessive noise

- (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed to them:
 - a. Exhaust system means all the parts of a vehicle through which the exhaust passes after leaving the engine block, including mufflers and other sound dissipative devices.
 - b. Superintendent means the Superintendent of the Department of State Police of the Commonwealth.
- (b) No person may drive and no owner of a vehicle may permit or allow the operation of any vehicle on a highway or road in the Town of Victoria unless it is equipped with an exhaust system in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual levels of noise, provided, however, that for motor vehicles, such exhaust system must be of a type installed as standard factory equipment or other equipment that has been submitted to and approved by the Superintendent or meets or exceeds the standards and specifications of the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American National Standards Institute, or the federal Department of Transportation.
- (c) Chambered pipes are not an effective muffling device to prevent excessive or unusual noise, and any vehicle equipped with chambered pipes or any person driving such a vehicle is in violation of this section.
- (d) It is unlawful to sell or offer for sale any (i) muffler without interior baffle plates or other effective muffling device, or (ii) gutted muffler, muffler cutout, or straight exhaust. It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways or roads in the town a motor vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or motorized skateboard or foot-scooter equipment with a gutted muffler, muffler cutout, or straight exhaust.
- (e) The provisions of this section to not apply to (i) any antique vehicle licensed pursuant to Code of Virginia, §46.2-730, provided that the engine is comparable to that designed as standard factory equipment for use on that particular vehicle, and the exhaust system is in good working order, or (ii) converted electric vehicles.
- (f) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor.

State law reference – Code of Virginia, §§46.2-1049 and 46.2-1051