

(c) *It is permissible but not required that any vehicle be equipped with a theft alarm signal device which is so arranged that it cannot be used by the driver as an ordinary warning signal.*

(d) *Every authorized emergency vehicle shall be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell, capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 500 feet and of a type approved by the department, but the siren shall not be used except when the vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, in which latter events the driver of the vehicle shall sound the siren when reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other drivers of the approach thereof.*

§ 12-401.1. *Bells on ice cream sales vehicles.*

*Vehicles from which ice cream products and similar products are sold may be equipped with, and the driver thereof may use, a bell not exceeding 3½ inches in diameter, or a set of bells, provided that no bell or set of bells shall be operated by mechanical or electrical means or by any means other than manually, or be amplified by any electrical or electronic means, or be capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of more than 400 feet; and provided further that no such bell shall be used for any purpose between the hours of ten o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock a.m., or be used as an ordinary warning signal at any time.*

§ 12-402. *Mufflers; prevention of noise.*

(a) *Every motor vehicle at all times shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, bypass, or similar device upon a motor vehicle on a highway.*

(b) *No person shall use on the exhaust or "tailpipe" of a motor vehicle any extension or other device to cause excessive or unusual noise.*

(c) *The engine, power, and exhaust mechanism of every motor vehicle shall be equipped, adjusted and operated to prevent the continuous emission of excessive fumes or smoke, but in no case shall such emission be*

(1) *As dark or darker in shade as that designated as No. 3 on the Ringelmann Chart, as published by the United States Bureau of Mines; or*

(2) *Of such opacity as to obscure an observer's view to a degree equal to or greater than does smoke described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.*

(d) *A muffler as used herein is defined as a device consisting of a series of chambers or baffle plates, or other mechanical design for the purpose of receiving exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine, and effective in reducing noise.*

(e) *All mufflers and exhaust pipes carrying exhaust gases from the motor shall be of leak-proof construction.*