West 50s Neighborhood Association

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Help Quiet the Back-up Alarms on 7th Avenue

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Dear Neighbors,

The West 50s Neighborhood Association is working to reduce the excessive backup beeping from the taxi stand and school buses on 7th Avenue, and we need your help.

If you are disturbed by this noise, please submit a 311 complaint each time it occurs.

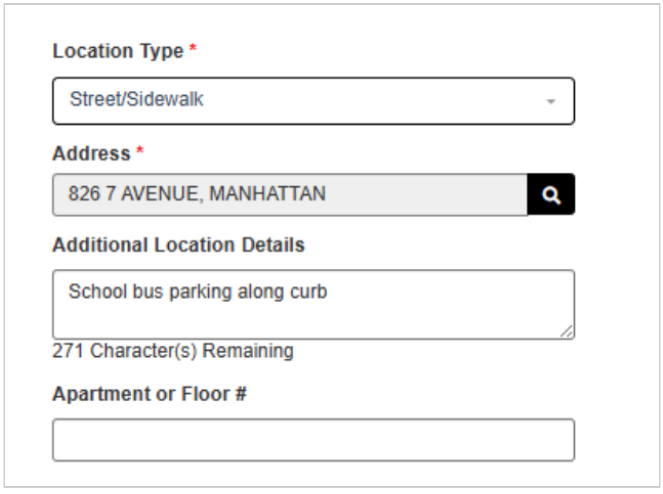
Go to 311 Noise Complaint – Alarm and complete the form as shown below. If the complaint is about school buses, indicate "Back-up alarm - school bus". If the complaint is about taxis, indicate "Back-up alarm - taxi stand" (this applies to the Uber shuttle as well). If you use the app (like in the middle of the night in bed), you may select Noise, Car/Truck, Horn, indicate "Back-up alarm - taxi stand", and recurring problem.

The more complaints 311 receives, the stronger the case for the City to investigate and pursue a quieter solution.

Thank you for helping improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
West 50s Neighborhood Association

The location section, for both versions



On that page, click "Report a chronic or past alarm" to open the form shown below. Filing takes about five minutes.

The form, completed as it should look

School buses

Problem *
Noise

Problem Detail *
Alarm

Additional Details *
Chronic

Description *
Back-up alarm - school bus
1974 Character(s) Remaining

Date/Time Observed *
08/05/2026, 10:09 AM

Is this a recurring problem?
○ No/Unknown ◉ Yes

Describe the days and times this problem occurs
Occurs at school bus queue - 9am to 4pm, week days
1950 Character(s) Remaining

Can the noise be heard on the street? *
○ No ◉ Yes

Do you know the source of the alarm noise? *
◉ Yes ○ No

What days of the week does the problem tend to happen? (Check all that apply) *
- ☑ Monday
- ☑ Tuesday
- ☑ Wednesday
- ☑ Thursday
- ☑ Friday
- ☐ Saturday
- ☐ Sunday
- ☐ Only happened once

What hour of the day does the problem tend to start? *
9:00 AM

What hour of the day does the problem tend to end? *
4:00 PM

Taxis and the Uber shuttle

Problem *
Noise

Problem Detail *
Alarm

Additional Details *
Chronic

Description *
Back-up alarm - taxi stand
1974 Character(s) Remaining

Date/Time Observed *

Is this a recurring problem?
○ No/Unknown ◉ Yes

Describe the days and times this problem occurs
Taxi stand - 5am to 4pm, everyday
1967 Character(s) Remaining

Can the noise be heard on the street? *
○ No ◉ Yes

Do you know the source of the alarm noise? *
◉ Yes ○ No

What days of the week does the problem tend to happen? (Check all that apply) *
- ☑ Monday
- ☑ Tuesday
- ☑ Wednesday
- ☑ Thursday
- ☑ Friday
- ☑ Saturday
- ☑ Sunday
- ☐ Only happened once

What hour of the day does the problem tend to start? *
5:00 AM

What hour of the day does the problem tend to end? *
4:00 PM