

**For Item 22 (23-0586) City Council Meeting June 6,  
2023**

To Council Members

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Cc: City Clerk

The lack of noise limits for special events is damaging to the health and well being of the surrounding community.

Loud noises are a torment.

Saying we have a noise ordinance that protects public health is only factual if we enforce it day by day. Allowing a vendor to pay some money and violate the noise limit is prostituting enforcement of the noise element and sacrificing the people who live there.

Noise that is so loud that it obstructs daily activities, like conversing at the dinner table or watching TV, is unwelcome in any neighborhood. We would all call the police and complain to get it stopped. Leaving the neighborhoods that are close to where special events take place unprotected by denying them extension of the noise ordinance levels during special events is an act of negligence on the part of our City Council.

In some cases, people leave their homes during special events as the toll on their psyche is just too much. They shouldn't have to do that. The City should be sensible enough to place reasonable restrictions on noise.

In my personal observation, the population that is attracted to loud special events is generally made up of people that have had their senses numbed by alcohol. They could likely enjoy the event at a lower decibel and I doubt they would know the difference. The party will go on.

There has been a campaign in the schools for the last few years urging children to BE KIND.

That is all you are being asked to do. Be an example to the children. Show them that you care about the people living close to these events. Be kind. Be brave enough to ask your fellow council members to support reasonable restrictions on sound. Include special events to have the same or similar restrictions on noise as in the noise ordinance and require enforcement. It is the right thing to do and no one will be hurt by it.

Respectfully,

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