

Ms McMonigal-St. Dennis,

I write you every year when I get the notice for the races run on Summit Ave. The City has listened to resident's comments, and we no longer have races shutting down Summit weekly. Thank You for that! But the Marathon folks ask for a bit too much. I'll explain:

As the owner of the house exactly at the intersection of Summit and Prior, this event will be directly in front of my front door. Summit Avenue is a RESIDENTIAL neighborhood. I pay some of the highest property taxes in the city to live in my home and enjoy my neighborhood. While I'm sure that many delight in the marathon, it is a significant disrupter to our life on race day. It is not appropriate for any of the marathon sponsors to come in and blast us out of bed at 6:30 Sunday morning with an 80 decibel sound test.

I'm sure you- as a working person- would enjoy being roused Sunday at 6:30 AM by 80 decibels outside your bedroom window! Guess how we feel!

In fact, the 6:30 sound check makes no sense based on the actual race! The marathon is not passing by our house at 6:30 AM; marathon runners start at 8 and take over 2 hours to finish the race. We are 4 miles from the finish. This means the first marathon runners go by well after 9. A 6:30 rousting for this is unreasonable.

The batch of runners that do go by our house before the actual marathon runners are the 10 mile folks. Why should we be roused from bed at 6:30 for a bunch of 10 mile runners? Why can't the Twin Cities in Motion people just respect the neighborhood's right to quiet until 9, then do their sound check and make their noise when the marathon is actually going down the street?

A little enforcement of reason on the part of the city- in delaying the noise until 9- can make a huge difference in lessening the impact this race makes on our neighborhood.

Please register my **strong** objection to the proposed noise variance as requested by Twin Cities in Motion. Please change the time of the variance to 9AM.

Thank you for your work on our behalf!

-Mary Beth Starns

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To Whom it May Concern:

Who thinks that waking people up at 6:30AM on a Sunday with blaring loudspeaker noise (that will continue for 8 straight hours), would be okay with any resident in St. Paul? In addition, residents are unable to get around their neighborhood because the streets are blocked off. I can say with certainty that the majority of residents in our community do not support or want these races in our neighborhood. I know race organizers would not be in support of this nuisance violation if it was on their block.

Sunday is a day for the majority of us to relax and enjoy time at home with our families and for some a day of faith. This is not simply a minor inconvenience for those that live here. We tolerate multiple events in our area throughout the year already, as well as two colleges that bring their own set of issues. If you need loud speakers blaring at 6:30AM in a residential neighborhood, then you should take your event where it doesn't disrupt the people who live there.

Clearly the race organizers don't care if they disrupt people on their only day off. In addition, racers litter our neighborhoods and crowd our street parking. Racers are not here supporting local businesses, in fact the opposite, our local businesses suffer because the traffic can't get through. I would hope if you pay \$5,000 a year in property taxes someone would be looking out for the interests of it's residents, apparently that's not the case here. Why would residents have to justify why it's a bad idea when it's in direct violation of the St. Paul City Code? The request by Twin Cities in Motion should have never been considered in the first place.

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/safety-inspections/city-information-complaints/resident-handbook/noise>

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Overview Some types of bothersome or irritating noise are illegal, and you can take steps to get the noisemaker to quiet down. Generally speaking, noises a

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I live at 1353 Summit which is the second house from the corner of Summit and Hamline. I am voting NO on the variance for the amplified sound from 7:00am to 2:30pm, it is bad enough the I can not park in from of my house for the Marathon, and the hassle it becomes getting in and out of my property, now you want to not let me sleep in on Sunday and have a quite day in my own Home . NO NO

PS. please let me know that you received this email.

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Jim Kennelly

Dear Barb:

I received the Sound Level Variance notice in the mail for Twin Cities Marathon on October 1, 2017.

I am concerned that the sound level will interfere with our morning worship service that goes from 8:30am to 11:30am on Sunday mornings.

Please let me know if you need more info/input.

Thank you,

God Bless You!

+Fr. Rick

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