

McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)

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To: McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Sound Level Variance for Outdoor Event HAPPY GNOME

Dear Ms. McMonigal-St.Dennis and Council.

Please do not allow for the variance. Please. Every Sunday during the summer months we live with the Gnome's Jazz Brunch music live on the patio. It is so loud that we can not escape it. We can't talk on the phone, we can't listen to our music...and we can not sit on our own porch without being subject to it. Even with our air conditioning on, it's very loud. Combined with the music from La Grolla, which is often so loud we have to call and request that they turn it down...which they do not...I can not imagine what level of music we will have to deal with if you grant this variance.

. We live with two dogs a few houses down from the Gnome. The noise from the music and drunk patrons (who often park in our driveway or obstruct it..sometimes even park in our back yard..) is too much in general. Sundays are vexing, at best. Our dogs bark continually and work themselves into a frenzy. Then the Curling Club opens their windows and their music is blasting.

Add the pedal pubs, who also like to park in our drive or in front of our house, and it's a total nightmare.

All these issues fall within your noise laws apparently...or so I am assuming. Granting this variance is asking too much.

We have lived on Selby most of our adult lives. We love it here. Before we were at 553 Selby. I understand that these cafes want music and we often eat at the Gnome ourselves. However, there are just too many of these events on Selby. The wine shop also has a wine festival with music. And, as I said earlier, La Grolla is always playing their music so loud that our house becomes unlivable as soon as the weather turns nice.

So please. Stop. We pay our taxes like everyone else. I'm a former television reporter with Channel 9 and have worked with local media a good deal of my life; I understand that this is a difficult problem for you. We frequent this cafe and the bars on our street and are good neighbors. We would just like a break... You allow much to much noise to make this neighborhood liveable.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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