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Subject: Monster Dash noise variance.

I live at 1111 Elway, facing the corner of Elway and Shepard Rd. I object to yet another noisy intrusion into our neighborhood.

I bought the condo in this area fully aware that Shepard Road would be noisier than most residential neighborhoods. What I did not realize that motorcyclists, sometimes in packs of twenty-five or more, would use Shepard Road to do time trials. I looked up the law and found that motorcycles are supposed to be muffled to the same level as cars. Apparently, this law is ignored by the state and city. (I'm guessing that if I used this argument to get out of a ticket if the muffler on my car was defective, I would lose.)

Additionally, there are simply too many events which start at 8AM on Saturday mornings on the same stretch of road. (I recently read that Minneapolis charges for such events while St. Paul does not. Perhaps this was not accurate since I believe it was in a letter to an editor.) With most of these events there are people cheering on the participants. The cheering consists of blood curdling screams every time a clump of runners or others go by. Several times, there was an electric guitar and drums on the corner, sometimes beginning their warmup before 8AM.

Now there is a plan to put a sound amplified DJ on Shepard as part of an event. I do object and suggest that the governing body making this and similar decisions, if they support such events, put them on their streets, in their neighborhoods.

In the event that my point is lost, in this, my opportunity to vent, I object to the variance.

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