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Reno Downtown Noise Concern

Annette Alvarez-Peters <annetteapeters@gmail.com>

Mon 8/26/2024 3:11 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of our downtown area regarding the increasing issue of noise disturbances that have been affecting the quality of life for many of us in the neighborhood. While I appreciate the vibrant atmosphere that our local bars and restaurants bring to our community, the noise created by patrons when they exit these establishments has become a significant concern.

Many of our neighboring businesses have shown commendable respect for the community, taking steps to minimize disruptions. However, it has become evident that additional measures are necessary to ensure that our downtown area remains enjoyable for both residents and visitors alike.

I would ask you to explore a few solutions to manage the noise levels during late-night hours.

1. Establish Noise Curfews. Implementing a designated noise curfew for outdoor areas associated with bars and restaurants can help minimize disturbances. For example, limiting loud conversations and music after a specific time would be beneficial.
2. Signage and Awareness campaigns. Placing signs in high-traffic areas reminding patrons to keep noise levels down can raise awareness and encourage respectful behavior.
3. Incentives for Compliance. Offering incentives to bars and restaurants that actively manage noise levels, such as tax breaks or recognition programs, could motivate them to take additional steps.

I believe that with cooperative efforts from the city council, local businesses and residents, we can create a balanced environment that respects both the vibrancy of downtown and the needs of those who live nearby. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Annette

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Council Aug 28th meeting- Noise Ordinance

Ed Riahi <riahi261@gmail.com>

Thu 8/22/2024 8:11 AM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear City Council,

I reside in downtown Reno, and would like to express my support for implementation of a **Noise Ordinance** to address excessive noise from clubs and motorcycles that we endure as downtown residence.

I would urge you to direct staff to draft, not just investigate, a noise ordinance that strikes a balance with all constituencies, while ensuring that we have an environment downtown that supports residential population.

Respectfully,

Ed Riahi

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excessive noise

Elizabeth Starr <elizabeth.starr58@gmail.com>

Wed 8/21/2024 12:43 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Hello,

I live in The Montage downtown. The noise needs to be reduced!!! Some days it's a party or a rave or cars and definitely motorcycles showing off!

Elizabeth Starr

Sent from my iPhone

Public Comment for Item D.3 on Council's August 28 agenda

Gary Cecil <garycecil621@msn.com>

Fri 8/23/2024 2:38 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Madame Mayor and Council Members:

As a long time Downtown resident who has heard the amount of **excessive noise** grow very significantly in the last five years, I am writing to urge you to vote "yes" to authorize Angela Fuss to proceed to draft a **Noise Ordinance for downtown.**

I also ask that you set a date by which she presents a draft to you for your comment and guidance. As our downtown resident group has excerpted the noise-related administrative codes of 16 other great U.S. cities and provided them to Angela, a target date of more than two months out, October 31, 2024 seems reasonable for you to see this draft.

If there are any members of the Council who echo the sometimes-heard taunt to downtown residents of: "You knew what Downtown was like before you moved here; stop complaining or leave!", I strongly refute that statement. For my part, of course I knew Downtown had events, concerts, bars, nightclubs, cars, motorcycles, etc. that generated noise. Before buying a condo at the Montage, my wife and I visited as tourists and enjoyed events and sampled the noise. That said, I would contend that the level of noise has escalated in the last five years to the point of being **excessive.**

And I am not only being subjective when I say "excessive". For an outside EDM concert in April, 2024 and Bass Camp in July, 2024., using an industrial sound meter, I measured sound levels of an average of 100 decibels, throughout the 8 hours of each concert. OSHA (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) states that noise levels of 100 decibels damage human hearing when experienced for more than one hour. **This is evidence that excessive noise levels downtown can reach such a level as to be a health hazard!** I am happy to present this evidence to you at any time.

It also does not help that Reno's Code Enforcement officers currently measure sound on their meters on what is called the "A Scale". However, the booming bass bumping sounds which many downtown residents regularly feel as much as hear, are only detectible on the more narrow, slow waveband of what is called the "C Scale". In other words, the officers sound readings are, effectively, useless in measuring the true impact of the very excessive noise of cars and motorcycles with tricked up mufflers, crowds on the street screaming and yelling, and heavily amplified music coming from some nightclubs and bars.

And yet, even if Code Enforcement officers did measure excessive noise on the C Scale...**there's no code mitigating noise in our downtown mixed-use district! No ceiling at all! Neither during the day, nor at night.** There is a case to be made that the lack of any noise mitigation is rapidly making residential uses incompatible. This is something to think about if you want to attract more residents downtown.

If you are concerned about a noise ordinance negatively impacting the entertainment sector of our downtown mixed-use district, please don't be. I can give you a list of 16 other great U.S. cities that have noise mitigation sections of their administrative code that have continually added both many downtown residents and many downtown businesses at the same time. Atlanta, Pittsburgh, and Orlando are three good examples.

I therefore respectfully ask you again:

- to vote "yes" to authorize Angela Fuss to proceed to draft a **Noise Ordinance for downtown.**

- and to set a **target date of October 31 by which to present this draft.**

Kind Regards,
Gary Cecil
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Reno

Noise Ordinance

Hannah Rodis <hannah.silver.rodیس@gmail.com>

Wed 8/21/2024 4:16 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Madame Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Hannah Rodis, I live in the Montage, and my comments are about the Noise Ordinance item on your August 28 agenda.

I am an ardent supporter and resident of Reno, and I love living downtown.

I believe that one of the cornerstones for the future vision of Reno must include a vibrant downtown that is multi-use and equally supports businesses, families, residents as well as repeatedly and frequently attracts local and out of town patronage. I applaud the Council's efforts to increase safety and address the seemingly intractable homeless issues. Additionally, more needs to be done to help keep the balance between all the constituencies in downtown and create a sustaining, thriving community with an economy that is not reliant on 24-hour entertainment.

One of the fundamental areas that needs to be addressed is excessive noise. The current level of noise downtown in duration, volume, and time of day is simply not compatible with any conceivable multiuse environment that residents and a broader demographic of visitors and voters need and are increasingly demanding.

I would urge you to direct staff to draft, not just investigate, a noise ordinance that strikes a balance with all constituencies, while ensuring that we have an environment downtown that supports our vision for a future that is more like San Antonio than Las Vegas.

Respectfully,
Hannah Rodis

NOISE ORDINANCE City Council Agenda on August 28.

Lawrence Rodis <lrdis@strategicresource.com>

Wed 8/21/2024 8:30 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

"Dear Madame Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Lawrence Rodis, My wife and I own in the Montage, and my comments are about the Noise Ordinance item on your August 28 agenda.

I am an ardent supporter and tax payer of Reno, and I love downtown.

I believe that one of the cornerstones for the future vision of Reno must include a vibrant downtown that is multi-use and equally supports businesses, families, residents as well as repeatedly and frequently attracts local and out of town patronage. I applaud the Council's efforts to increase safety and address the seemingly intractable homeless issues. Additionally, more needs to be done to help keep the balance between all the constituencies in downtown and create a sustaining, thriving community with an economy that is not reliant on 24-hour entertainment.

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Respectfully,

Lawrence Rodis

Downtown noise ordinance

Lo Hoyman <2uniquerabbits@gmail.com>

Wed 8/21/2024 10:39 AM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

To the board,
My husband and I live downtown, and have grave concerns regarding the clubs and J Resort, mainly the level of noise.

We live at the Montage, and the building is surprisingly noise suppressing! However, facing West Street, where Eden and Tonic have music nightly and the West Street Market holds concerts, even our building can't keep the noise levels down.

When J Resort opened, the noise was acceptable, and the concerts ended at a reasonable time. Soon after, that changed significantly, and the noise was intolerable.

When notice came that this board was concerned about noise in the area, I noticed all of the venues mentioned kept all event noises to a minimum, and that continued for about a month, but levels are back to excessive.

We love living in the heart of Reno. The shops and restaurants, the scenery, art, and energy are what draws people here. Downtown has taken a turn for the worse when midtown got reimaged, and the amount of crime has increased. Homeless, drug addicts, and drunks meander the area, the drug dealers make their rounds on bikes and scooters just yards from city hall.

Reno is desperately in need of more than the Ambassador program is equipped to handle. We do see increased police activity when the clubs let out, but aside from that, nothing.

Sincerely,

Lo Hoyman

Noise Reduction

Myra Soifer <myrabbims@gmail.com>

Wed 8/21/2024 1:53 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Madame Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Myra Soifer. I live in the Montage, and my comments are about the Noise Ordinance item on your August 28 agenda.

I love living downtown. But I certainly don't like the current level of noise downtown in duration, volume, and time of day. All that noise is certainly not compatible with any multise environment that residents and a broader demographic of visitors and voters need and are increasingly demanding.

I urge you to direct staff to draft, not just investigate, a noise ordinance that strikes a balance with all constituencies, while ensuring that we have an environment downtown that supports our vision for a future where living downtown is a wonderful lifestyle.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Myra Soifer

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Sent from my iPhone

Noise Ordinance on 8/28 agenda

Pamela Troy <pamela.troy415@gmail.com>

Wed 8/21/2024 4:46 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Madame Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Pamela Troy, I live in the Montage, and my comments are about the Noise Ordinance item on your August 28 agenda.

I am an ardent supporter and resident of Reno, and I love living downtown.

I believe that one of the cornerstones for the future vision of Reno must include a vibrant downtown that is multi-use and equally supports businesses, families, residents as well as repeatedly and frequently attracts local and out of town patronage. I applaud the Council's efforts to increase safety and address the seemingly intractable homeless issues. Additionally, more needs to be done to help keep the balance between all the constituencies in downtown and create a sustaining, thriving community with an economy that is not reliant on 24-hour entertainment.

One of the fundamental areas that needs to be addressed is excessive noise. The current level of noise downtown in duration, volume, and time of day is simply not compatible with any conceivable multiuse environment that residents and a broader demographic of visitors and voters need and are increasingly demanding. The only nights where loud music isn't played is typically Sunday through Tuesday nights. From Wednesday on several of the local bars and clubs have music pumping from their businesses until 6am.

I would urge you to direct staff to draft, not just investigate, a noise ordinance that strikes a balance with all constituencies, while ensuring that we have an environment downtown that supports our vision for a future that is more like San Antonio than Las Vegas.

Respectfully,

Pamela Troy

Public Comment for August 28th City Council meeting, Noise Ordinance agenda item

Robert Goldberg <rtgoldberg@gmail.com>

Wed 8/21/2024 12:23 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Esteemed City Council Members,

I am an ardent supporter and resident of Reno, in particular I live in Ward 1. I believe that one of the cornerstones for the future vision of Reno must include a vibrant downtown that is multi-use and equally supports businesses, families, residents as well as repeatedly and frequently attracts local and out of town patronage. I applaud the Council's efforts to increase safety and address the seemingly intractable homeless issues. More needs to be done to help keep the balance between all the constituencies and create a sustaining, thriving community and economic ecosystem that is not reliant on 24 hour entertainment.

One of the fundamental areas that needs to be addressed is noise. The current level of noise in duration, level and time of day are simply not compatible with any conceivable multiuse environment that residents, a broader demographic of visitors and voters need and are increasingly demanding.

I would urge you to direct staff to draft, not just investigate, a noise ordinance that strikes a balance with all constituencies while ensuring that we have an environment downtown that supports our vision for the future that is more like San Antonio than Las Vegas.

Sincerely,

Robert Goldberg