

Email input from noise@roundrocktexas.gov

Dec. 19, 2018

Noise from bars in downtown Round Rock

Thank you for addressing this. This is long overdue. I appreciate that folks are listening to those of us who have been trying to sleep with bass noises rattling windows, amplified profanity, and bad karaoke- which, by the way, is not "music".

The music is not the issue as much as the volume is. It is simply way too loud. I understand that these bars are in another district, but the noise is not kept within those boundaries. I don't want to listen to it any more than the neighbor with aging parents or small children.

This should be addressed and enforced very strictly. It needs to stop. I have no problem if the bars want to stay open until 2 a.m. I really don't. If it becomes an issue, I have no problem waiting and watching in my own vehicle to report a drunk driver. And, I mean it. We don't need that kind of element. However, this loud noise every weekend night is going too far and it needs to stop.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Think about how you would feel if someone came to your house and parked in the street while you were trying to sleep at 9 p.m. and played loud/profane music and refused to turn it off until midnight. I imagine you wouldn't like it, and you would want it to stop.

Not enough sleep or poor-quality sleep causes increased anxiety, it increases the risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, and diabetes, it causes increased stress levels, and can negatively effect your immune system. **This IS a health issue.**

Please address this as such, which is potentially affecting many citizen voters and taxpayers of Round Rock.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Pille

East Austin Avenue

Round Rock, TX 78664

Dec 22, 2018

Don't ruin it for everyone

Hello,

i just read this email about proposed solutions for the noise ordinance. I gotta say this seems to be foolish thinking. as a Business owner in the affected area it's pretty clear who the main offender is. and this needs to be handled solely with the noisy venue and not impose new fees and permits on everyone just because the Longbranch can't handle their sound equipment.

hope this helps clear things up.

Good Times (Tattoo place)

Dec. 27, 2018

Response to City Manager email to downtown area residents

These proposals suggest that the City Council is planning to continue to allow the noise to be as loud as 75 dB from 9 p.m. until midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. As I have been stating for the past two years, at 75 dB the noise can be heard at least a half-mile away from the bars. At that level the noise inside the bars is almost certainly at the level of what OSHA considers hazardous to one's hearing.

There also is no mention of the process for asking for a permit to play amplified music - who can apply, how often, who approves the permit, how citizens can find out about such applications in advance, and how any protests against an application will be evaluated, and recorded for public perusal. There is nothing in the proposals addressing the placement of loudspeakers, nor the issue of bars that leave open multiple entrances, which allows the loud music to spread further than necessary.

After the City Council voted unanimously in favor of the bar owners at the last City Council meeting, Mayor Morgan stated that the City Council was going to 'get this right.' These proposals fail in that regard.

It appears that the City Council is again planning to use the 'email process' to receive feedback on the noise ordinance, and then to ignore any feedback, as was done when the City Council originally voted to expand the bar district despite much opposition. The 'email process' makes it easier for the City Council to hide from the public the extent of opposition to their proposal, and the extent to which their proposals do not match public sentiment, and makes it easier for the City Council to avoid having to provide a direct reply to specific questions. That is not acceptable.

If the City Council is planning only to give residents 3-minute 'soundbites' in which to comment during council meeting, that also is not acceptable.

The City Council must hold a public hearing on the noise ordinance before revising the ordinance. Public hearings are required for zoning and annexation issues, and the City Council has involuntarily annexed/zoned all of downtown RR into the City Council's bar district, and has gone out of their way for more than two years to accommodate the bar owners, while ignoring numerous complaints from downtown residents.

I realize that you may already be on vacation, but when you return I would appreciate if you could confirm that the City Council is NOT planning in January to pass a revision to the noise ordinance with only 'email' input from residents.

In addition, if you have any information about how the 'noise expert' managed to attend a non-public meeting of the City Council to discuss the noise ordinance without there being any public record of such a visit (no meeting minutes, no emails indicating a request to review the ordinance, etc.), I would appreciate any information you could provide.

I would have expected Councilwoman Young to provide that information, since she is the one who originally claimed that the meeting took place, but to date she has not provided any clarification regarding how that visit came about.

Thank you,

Greg Kirwin

Mr. Kirwin,

I cannot tell you what the Council will decide, I can only provide you with the information we have gathered thus far. We will engage the public once we have a draft to review. No decisions have been made. Let me be clear, there will not be a public hearing, it is not required. There will be a public meeting where you and hopefully other members of downtown will come and comment on the draft amendments. The meeting may not be in Council chambers, it may be at the library, we are not sure yet. I will let you and the downtown group know the schedule once it has been determined.

Laurie Hadley

City Manager

Thank you Laurie.

There should be a public hearing. The City Council has involuntarily annexed all of downtown Round Rock into the City Council's bar district, and annexation/zoning issues do require a public hearing.

I can understand why the City Council would want the meeting to be as 'non-public' and 'non-publicized' as possible, but that is not in the best interests of the residents of downtown Round Rock, nor for that matter any of the citizens of Round Rock.

If the City Council is unwilling to hold a public hearing on this issue, perhaps the residents of downtown Round Rock can hold a public hearing on their own. The City

Council would of course be invited to attend.

Tina, with regard to your questions, as far as I know none of the City Council members have been willing to visit the downtown area when the noise is the worst. They are most likely at home in bed, far away from the problem they have created. As for the meeting Councilwoman Young referred to, perhaps that was another meeting. The one referred to by Ms. Hadley was just a brief conversation with someone who provided no meaningful feedback.

Regards, Greg

Downtown bar noise

Good evening,

I wanted to give my input on the bar noise from downtown Round Rock. While I completely understand that the downtown area is seeing a lot of business, and many are visiting venues with music, I don't subscribe to the "you know there are clubs so if you live/move nearby you should expect this". When I moved here over 20 years this wasn't an issue because it wasn't an outdoor music/bar district then. I find it beyond ridiculous that I live 6 blocks south of Gattis School Road, in the Kensington subdivision, and can hear the booming music from the bars INSIDE my home.

While I realize the bars bring in revenue, I don't pay taxes and didn't buy my home this far away from that area expecting to frequently hear a concert in my living room from miles away.

Please find a resolution besides the 10 p.m. weeknight music cutoff time (and even later on weekends), because between this, and the loud concerts at the Dell Diamond, it's truly affecting our peace and quality of living at night.

Thank you,

Melissa

Opposition to lower noise ordinance

I frequent the downtown Round Rock area and were it not for the frequent live music, Round Rock would lose my business and sales tax dollars. I think you should weigh the opinions of business owners higher than those of neighbors who knew they were moving to a lively area.

Susannah Martin

[Dec. 28, 2018](#)

Round Rock may make downtown businesses turn down the music at night - KXAN

Good Day,

After reading an article on the website for KXAN regarding possible change to noise ordinances. There was some input to give on a positive idea to monitor the downtown club district.

What if decibel meters were installed in conjunction with the security cameras that are in the area?

Wouldn't this give easier access to monitor said levels, instead of having peace officers waste their time and resources Fielding Complaints?

Daniel Cameron

Let's suffocate the noise

We can lower the decibels all we want but that not stop the physical vibration of the music reaching out into the neighborhood. I don't understand why these bars are not investing in higher quality architectural acoustics. You can go and look at acoustic products that will literally absorb all the reverberation and cancel out the noise. Please consider this.

William Dawson

Loud music

I live on May street in a condo and one Saturday night it kept me up half the night it was so loud I couldn't sleep. I'm not sure if you've heard from anyone else but I'm just voicing my opinion.

Julia Jackson

Dec. 29, 2018

Noise

I really don't expect this message to make a difference. I have attended two meetings about this issue and I have heard how we need to be fair to everyone, but "fair" seems to be aimed at the bar owners not the citizens. When the racket can be heard in Egger acres there is a big problem. For those who live outside the noise zone it's just no big deal. The fines are a joke so there is no incentive for the bars to care about the noise levels.

Patricia Condon

Noise levels

Hello,

My family and I live very close to downtown, just a few blocks away in the Dove Creek neighborhood.

We can hear the music from bands on weekend evenings, but it's never felt excessive. I enjoy having it, even though it's often not music I would listen to on my own. It's a part of the community.

The noise that does bother us is the train crossing. If you could do something so the trains don't have to blast their horns at the crossing on Burnet, even just at night, that would be lovely!

Thanks for taking input,

Alicia Amarillo
Quail Creek Drive

Downtown Round Rock

Downtown Round Rock is turning into a kids party place, especially on weekends. The drinking and then driving is so dangerous.

Also there is nowhere in Round Rock for older adults (50+) to eat, have just a drink, listen to music and dance.

Roberta A. Kresky, MS

Downtown noise

As a citizen of Round Rock, I want to go on record as being adamantly in favor of increased noise restrictions downtown, and the vigorous enforcement of such regulations. I live on Shady Path Cv. in Greenslopes, across the bridge and railroad, and quite a few blocks further than that away from downtown. Even at this distance, inside my house with all the windows closed and the tv on, I hear and am disturbed by the music from downtown. Bear in mind that I am a lifelong musician, and not a codger with a hose yelling at kids to get off my lawn. There is simply no place for outside amplified music in a small downtown area like ours, in such close proximity to residential areas.

Furthermore, I see this, and the extension of hours for serving alcohol as just a continuation of the disturbing trend in City and County decisions that all clearly value and promote development and business interests over quality of life for residents. If we wanted to live in Austin, we would have moved to Austin.

Sincerely,
Tom Martin

Proposed Noise Ordinance Change

I am writing to say that I'm strongly in favor of strengthening the Round Rock noise ordinance, and limiting loud noise after 10 pm weeknights and midnight weekends in business areas. Please extend this rule to all of Round Rock businesses, civic centers, parks, other facilities. The strengthened noise ordinance should apply not only to downtown businesses, but also to businesses on Gattis School and businesses the length of Palm Valley, including Dell Diamond, the outdoor waterpark, and other businesses and facilities in this area.

Citywide Residential areas should have an even stronger noise ordinance than business and commercial areas, with significant limitations of loud noise beginning at 10 pm both weekdays and weekends.

From my home in Forest Creek, I should not be able to hear music and loud noise from Dell Diamond, the new waterpark and hotel, or any other Palm Valley or Gattis School business or facility. I'm miles from these businesses and it is unacceptable to be awakened from sleep by noise after ten pm from these establishments.

Round Rock should also take traffic noise into consideration in future noise decisions and very importantly, in an overall, comprehensive city planning strategy so that our beautiful city maintains a good quality of life and remains a desirable place to live.

Thank you.
Margaret Morin
Harvey Penick Drive
Round Rock, TX 78664

Dec. 30, 2018

Noise from downtown

The problem is that sound travels, sometimes a long way depending on atmospheric conditions. I doubt that music needs to be so loud at a venue that the neighborhoods can also hear it. Noise drift also causes multiple problems for unwilling participants like lack of sleep, anxiety & anger that could lead to things like domestic violence.

Several venues in Austin have installed noise reduction/containment systems to address these concerns, Round Rock should require the same.

Let me state this another way : if my neighbors were having a party & getting very noisy (I can hear them inside my house), I call the police, they go tell them to cut it out. Why should businesses be exempt from the same standards???????

Please consider all of Round Rock citizens health & well being when addressing noise problems from downtown . Thank you,

Sue Vallejo resident since 1985.

Downtown noise

Good afternoon,

I'm very excited that Round Rock has a growing downtown night life area. I'm tired of driving down to Austin if I want to go dancing or listen to some live music. It would be disappointing for that to have to be shut down early because of noise restrictions. I hope that this perspective is taken into consideration. The availability of these activities helps put money into Round Rock businesses rather than people going to Austin.

Regards,

Nicole Roach
Pack Saddle Pass 78681

Noise in RR

When you attract businesses that attract people you are going to have noise. I don't mind it. The trains are louder. Barking dogs are worse than any noise from downtown. Should be a law that if your dog barks all the time you should have to put a bark deterrent collar on it or have the dog removed from the home.

Maury Morrison

Jan. 2, 2019

Noise Ordinance Request

Regarding the city's proposed "noise ordinance," I believe that the noise level be no louder than 50 dB from any place that has amplified noise, and that there be specific rules about placement of loudspeakers, specifically outside. Patrons can easily enjoy the music while inside the establishments without disturbing the neighbors way outside the establishment particularly the elderly and students (who already have enough against them).

Also, how can we all see the content of the emails that are being sent to the 'noise@roundrocktexas.gov' mail drop? All we have heard media wise is from bar owners who have misled the public and people who just moved here and frequent those same bars. What about those who have lived here for many years without this hindrance? The city has placed this burden on them? The ones who with their families have lived here since the 1800s. What of them?

Thank you.

Tina Steiner

Jan. 3, 2019

Schedule for Public Meeting on Noise Ordinance Revisions

Good morning Ms. Hadley, and Happy New Year.

Thank you for sharing with us the information you have so far on the proposed revisions to the noise ordinance for the downtown area.

It appears that the current plan is for your office to propose revisions at the January 24th Council Meeting (a first reading), and then perhaps have a second reading (or not), and vote through your proposed changes.

However, in your email from December 26 you mentioned that there would be a public meeting to take input from residents about the noise ordinance.

Can you tell me if a date has been set for that meeting, and who from the City Council would attend?

With regard to taking input at that meeting, would the input only be related to the proposals put forth by your office, or is the City Council going to take suggestions from the residents? In addition, can you let me know how we can access the content of the emails being sent to the noise@roundrocktexas.gov mail drop, so that we can see what suggestions and comments have been made so far?

I would like to see suggestions from the residents actually incorporated into any proposed changes to the ordinance. In particular, in my case, a decibel limit of 75 for amplified music is inappropriate at any hour of the day. Even when 'enforced' at that level, I will still hear the noise inside my house.

You seem to have somewhat acknowledged that 75 dB is too loud, since your current proposal is to lower the level to 50 dB after midnight, but that would mean that we are still subjected to the loud noise for 3 hours a night on Friday and Saturday nights. How can that be acceptable to the City Council?

Regards, Greg Kerwin

Hello Mr. Kirwin,

We are not planning on taking any action in January. We are working on scheduling the public meeting and a clear copy of the proposed additions to the ordinance. We will have the draft ordinance additions, supporting documentation, input received from via our special email address, and a confirmed place and time for the meeting available late Tuesday afternoon or early Wednesday. We will give Council an update on the schedule Tuesday morning at the packet briefing meeting.

Laurie Hadley
City Manager

Ms. Hadley,

Thank you for the update.

I assume that the City Council members will be at the public meeting, so that there can be a genuine discussion between the City Council members and any interested parties, including the bar owners, particularly with regard to whether the proposed changes reflect what the community has been asking for for the past two years.

In the meantime I will be sending some additional materials to the noise@roundrocktexas.gov mail drop (and I will copy you and the City Council) regarding the stricter noise ordinances in surrounding communities, as well as information about other sections of the Round Rock Municipal code which make it clear that the City Council's goal in managing the ordinances is to do their utmost to ensure that the City Council's bar district is a reasonable, livable environment for all of the residents.

Thank you for working on this, and for setting up the public meeting. I appreciate your willingness to respond on these issues.

Regards, Greg

Jan. 4, 2019

Noise just started

Just fyi, someone just started up the noise about 5 minutes ago.

A wailing male voice. It sounds like his baby left him crying in the rain.

I am going to walk down and see who the offender is.

Greg Kirwin

Re: Noise just started

OK, I was lazy, so I drove downtown instead of walking, and it's a tie between the Long Branch Saloon Too and Coco's Lounge.

LB has their music blasting out into the patio on the Southwest corner of Mays and Main, and Coco's Lounge (on the East side of Mays) has hung a portable speaker outside their door, 'sort-of' facing the LB, probably in an attempt to drown out the music from the LB.

Coco's is the one that played the 'music' so loud a few weeks ago that it actually woke me at 12:20 a.m. in the morning. When I walked down there that time and asked them to turn it down, the bartender said 'everyone is doing it, you don't know it is us.'

So if the City Council proceeds with their plan to keep the current noise limits until midnight on Friday and Saturday nights, I will only have to listen to this for 4 hours per night, rather than 6 hours.

Why do I not feel grateful?

Greg Kirwin

Jan. 5, 2019

Downtown balance

Dear City Council,

Thank you for working towards finding a balance for our downtown noise level. I appreciate your efforts to listen to the community.

The noise has been tolerable lately. It's not quiet at my house in the evenings, but sounds like we live about 6 blocks from live music. If regulated closely, I believe we can find that balance. I have been out of town this week.

I'm not sure if the current decibel level, if strictly monitored, will be conducive to healthy living for our neighborhood. I wish it would be lowered more, or adjusted somehow, with study, to where it's not traveling so far.

If this is not possible because it will harm the downtown businesses, I am hope that strict enforcement at all times of the decibel level, will be ensured to protect our neighborhood.

I would like to personally thank the business owners that are respectful to the community by listening to the community, the city, and all involved. We acknowledge how you run your business in a professional way. It is evidenced by your comments, your upkeep/cleanliness of your place on the outside, and your following the noise ordinance.

I deeply appreciate everyone's hard work and efforts, and I feel positive that we can be "one," as Mayor Morgan stated.

Sincerely,
Lisa Adams

Jan. 6, 2019

Round Rock MU-1 District and Loudspeakers - Continuing Violations of Current Ordinances

With regard to the MU-1 district, I would like to point out that regardless of the decibel level, some bars have been in violation continuously with respect to the Round Rock Code of Ordinances, Article VI (MU-1 (mixed-Use Commercial Core) district), Section 2-71 (d) (11), which reads as follows:

*Noise . Exterior speakers are only permitted for **service and gathering areas** at restaurants/bars and public plazas. **Said speakers shall be oriented in such a manner to minimize the amount of sound audible to adjacent properties** and in the right-of-way. [boldface and italics mine]*

Coco's Bar regularly places a loudspeaker outside of their bar, hanging from a hook about 6 feet above the sidewalk, and oriented more-or-less directly West toward the Long Branch Saloon Too. They probably are doing this to try to 'fend off' the music from the Long Branch, which has an open patio directly across from Coco's Bar.

This is a direct and ongoing violation of Article VI, Section 2-71, (d), (11), both with regard to the location of the speaker (not a service/gathering area) and the orientation of the speaker (not oriented so as to minimize sound audible to adjacent properties).

Other bars, including La Esquina, Rock Sports Bar, and the Long Branch Too appear to be, or may be regularly in violation with regard to the placement of speakers.

Inspection by the City Code officer, enforcement, and citations related to these violations should begin immediately.

Furthermore, any revision of the Noise ordinance must cross-reference and conform to the above section of code, and the goal should be to minimize the amount of sound audible not only to adjacent

properties, but to properties *anywhere in the district*. The MU-1 district permits bars, not concert venues.

It makes no sense to require a business to minimize the sound impact on adjacent properties while allowing the same business to project sound hundreds of yards in any other direction and disturb homeowners 6-8 blocks away. That is like having an ordinance which reads "*You may not throw trash in your neighbor's yard, unless the neighbors is more than a block away, in which case you are free to throw trash in their yard.*"

Any permitted use of loudspeakers in the Noise Ordinance must specify that the resulting sound may not negatively impact properties anywhere in the district.

There's an old saying: "*Your rights end where my rights begin.*" Currently, the rights of the bar owners extend as far as a half-mile from their door, while the rights of everyone else in the downtown area have been suspended, with the approval of the Round Rock City Council.

Regards, Greg Kirwin

Jan. 9, 2019

Re: Round Rock MU-1 District and Loudspeakers - Continuing Violations of Current Ordinances

Hello Mr. Kirwin,

I was forwarded your email from our City Manager, Laurie Hadley. As a result, I had Code Enforcement visit the MU-1 district and determine if businesses in the area were in compliance with below referenced provision. We have determined that eight businesses are in violation of this provision. As a result, Code Enforcement has posted the offending properties thereby making them formally aware of the violation. Notices are also being mailed to the applicable property owners. This is the first step in Code Enforcement violation process, and should the properties not be brought into compliance in short order, legal proceedings will commence.

Thank you for making us aware that some businesses in the area may not be in compliance with this provision of the MU-1 district. We will continue to monitor this situation.

Sincerely,
Brad Wiseman, Director of Planning & Development Services

Re: Round Rock MU-1 District and Loudspeakers - Continuing Violations of Current Ordinances

Mr. Wiseman,

I appreciate that communication, and I do appreciate everything all of you have been doing to work on this issue.

The proposals with regard to the noise ordinance seem to be a good approach, and I am hoping that everyone involved will be as happy as can be expected with the new ordinance.

I do think it would be useful in the text of the noise ordinance to somehow cross-reference the MU-1 restrictions with the noise ordinance. Those ordinances do overlap with regard to the issue of loudspeakers, and I expect that many of the owners did not even realize that they were in violation, so I hope that your staff can work with the bar owners in that regard, to clarify what they can and can't do. I think with some work that they will be able to play music at a level that is enjoyable to their patrons, but that has minimal impact on the residents.

Thank you,
Greg

Re: Round Rock MU-1 District and Loudspeakers - Continuing Violations of Current Ordinances

Mr. Kirwin,

Thank you for your kind words and your patience. We are all hoping that with this recent Code Enforcement action, and then with the ordinance changes, we will achieve that proper balance. Your point is well taken with the cross reference to the MU-1 limitation.

Sincerely,
Brad Wiseman, Director of Planning & Development Services

Jan. 14, 2019

Noise ordinance

Since there is already adequate noise ordinance, that only lacks enforcement and/or compliance, a different tact might be considered.

Austin limits downtown outdoor music/noise venues to a 10:30pm curfew.

There are sound absorbing materials [such as used in sound recording studios] that limit decibels to any preset level an ordinance/common sense dictates.

Mandatory effective sound barrier requirement for operating a music/noise venues would ensure compliance and limit police calls for excessive noise. I urge you to consider this or similar as you review the current noise ordinance.

Living on the E 600 block of Main for over 30 years the increased train traffic noise from 6 a week to 30 or more a day is unpleasant enough for the several minutes duration of each train.

Adding the continuous din from downtown music/noise venues than permeates the interior of my home continuously too many evenings a week seems an unnecessary additional health hazard.

I call the police too often to file noise violation, often informed that many others have already called.

I've no argument with downtown clubs using music/noise to entertain their customers. But I don't wish to hear it in or around my home.

I'm sure I'd have been arrested for Disturbing the Peace, if I'd generated that same noise level from my home, permeating the downtown music/noise venues, on a repeated basis.

Peter Daughtrey

Jan. 15, 2019

Sound Ordinance

Dear Round Rock City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input regarding a proposal to review the City's sound ordinance. As long-time citizens of Round Rock, we appreciate the desire to better understand circumstances involving the intersection of commercial development and residential occupancy.

As background, we have lived and paid commercial and personal taxes in the Williamson County and Round Rock community for nearly 25 years. Our family has educated children, built homes, and enhanced the lives of new and old families alike. We are a part of the fabric of this community.

The recent proposal is one we believe merits more study before becoming final. We would propose a 60-day review period, allowing businesses to continue to operate within the current time frames but at the proposed lower decibel conditions.

Understanding conditions in the downtown business district such as all existing commercial and residential sounds, brought on by occurrences such as traffic, utilities, landscaping, entertainment, and other items is important. This will provide Council Members, staff, business owners and citizens with the necessary information.

We appreciate the City and the role and services you provide. By bringing this proposal forward, we are eager to participate in the discussion in order to seek a collaborative, reasonable outcome for all stakeholders.

Sincerely,
Roger Villarreal and Minerva Villarreal
Owners, Land Branch Saloon

proposed amendment to Noise Ordinance

Hello City Staff and Council Members,

I'm glad that you want to resolve this problem and I hope the proposed change will help. It is unfortunate that the situation has deteriorated this far because it will be hard for the troublemakers to turn around.

The downtown bars are now a part of the city's economy and no one expects them all to close down or to relocate to the I-35 corridor where they would have to provide their own parking lots with lights and security.

However, the chronic scoff-law behavior of a few of the bar operators is ruining the party for everyone. I'm certain that all the participants in the Offend-Complain-Fine circle hate it, but only the offenders have the ability to break the chain. The residents who complain about the noise can't end the cycle, and the police can write \$292 citations every night of the week without making a dent in the problem. According to the Bizjournals.com website, two of the Main Street bars were estimated to have alcohol sales between \$85k and \$95k in the month of September 2016 alone (Brass Tap, Long Branch), so the fines must seem trivial to them. To date, the bar owners have not appeared to be interested in lowering the noise either for the sake of avoiding citations or for the sake of being considerate neighbors. They are obviously capable of controlling their own sound systems so the issue seems to be lack of motivation.

The two operators of the three worst noise offenders live well outside of downtown, and I'm sure they wouldn't subject their own neighbors to the noise they inflict on the downtown residents every weekend. If anyone else were to take up 3am tuba practice outside wherever those operators sleep wouldn't they complain and expect the police to solve the problem?

My preference is that the penalties for noise violations in residential neighborhoods be made so certain and so severe that the bar operators choose to obey the law of their own free will, just as routine good business practice. This will be the least nuisance to our police officers and the least nuisance to neighbors.

Please modify the amendment so that noise ordinance violations result in expensive consequences to the individual bar tender on duty at the time of the offense, and to the bar's license holder, and to the property owner. Another alternative would be for the police to use "asset seizure" against the electric equipment involved in the crime. An advantage of asset seizure is that it would prevent the bar from repeating the offense until they've replaced their sound system.

Thank you,
Cathey Carter
Pecan Avenue

Jan. 16, 2019

Round Rock Noise Issue

My opinion is that the music coming from the clubs downtown is too loud. I live on Vista Ave.

Thanks
Jesse