

**THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
PCB 23-133**

May 11, 2024

Anna Andrushko, Complainant vs Thomas Egan, Respondent

COMPLAINANT ANSWERS - RESPONDENT'S REQUESTS TO ADMIT TO COMPLAINANT

1. You have not taken numeric measurements of noise emissions at your property in adherence to the procedures outlined in Section 900.103 and Section 910.105 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code regarding Environmental Protection.

Answer: False

Investigation continues.

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2. You have not hired any representative or expert to perform numeric measurements of noise emissions at your property in adherence to the procedures outlined in Section 900.103 and Section 910.105 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code regarding Environmental Protection.

Answer: Complainant objects on the grounds that it is vague, open to more than one interpretation, and argumentative.

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(415 ILCS 5/3.115) (was 415 ILCS 5/3.02)

Sec. 3.115. Air pollution. "Air pollution" is the presence in the atmosphere of one or more contaminants in sufficient quantities and of such characteristics and duration as to be injurious to human, plant, or animal life, to health, or to property, or to unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property.

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(c) In making its orders and determinations, the Board shall take into consideration all the facts and circumstances bearing upon the reasonableness of the emissions, discharges or deposits involved including, but not limited to:

- (i) the character and degree of injury to, or interference with the protection of the health, general welfare and physical property of the people;
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- (iii) the suitability or unsuitability of the pollution source to the area in which it is located, including the question of priority of location in the area involved;
- (iv) the technical practicability and economic reasonableness of reducing or eliminating the emissions, discharges or deposits resulting from such pollution source; and
- (v) any subsequent compliance.

3. Neither you, nor any of your representatives, have produced numeric testing of noise emissions at your property which conform to the procedure outlined in Section 900.103 and Section 910.105 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code regarding Environment Protection.

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4. Neither you, nor any of your representatives, have produced any report of numeric testing of noise emissions at your property which conforms to the procedures outlined in Section 900.103 and Section 910.105 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code regarding Environmental Protection, and which evidences a violation of the Pollution Control Board's noise regulations at Section 910.102(a) and (b)(35 Ill. Adm. Code 901.102(a), (b)).

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5. You are not in possession of any evidence of a noise violation by the Respondent's since June 18, 2020, based on measurements required by Section 900.103 and Section 910.105 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code regarding Environmental Protection.

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Evergreen Park Municipal Code: Sec. 12-188 Loudspeakers; sound trucks (4) ... Noise emanating from private property shall not cause distress to persons on neighboring property.

Evergreen Park Municipal Codes: Sec 6-1A-11: Disturbing the Peace (A) No person shall keep any animal shut up or tied in a yard, house, shed, barn, or other place, which by barking, meowing or by other noises shall "constantly disturb the peace and quiet of any family, individual or neighborhood."

Evergreen Park Municipal Code: Chapter 14 Nuisances: Sec. 14-1. General provision.

In all cases in this Code where no provision is made defining what are nuisances and how the same may be removed, abated, or prevented, in addition to what may be declared such in this Code, those offenses which are known to the common law of the land and such other offenses as may be set out in other

sections of this Code and state law as nuisances may, in case the same exist within the village limits, be treated as such, and proceeded against as it is provided in this Code, or any other law.

Evergreen Park Municipal Code: Sec. 9-2. General duties of health officer.

It shall be the duty of the health officer: (a) To enforce and observe all rules, regulations and orders of the state department of public health and all state laws pertaining to the preservation of the health of the people within the village. (b) To execute and enforce all sections of this Code and all ordinances of the village relating to nuisances, public health and sanitation.

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