

My name is Bennie Parr, and I am the Owner of Bennie's Pizza Pub located at 113-115 E. Main St. in downtown Belleville. To the West of Bennie's Pizza Pub is Blanquart Jewelers and to the East is Margarita's.

On or about May 14, 2021 in the evening hours, I received several phone calls about the volume of music coming from Copper Fire. One call was from alderwoman Mary Stiehl asking me to step outside of my business which is half a block west of Copper Fire and see if I hear the music, and I did. It was extremely loud. Then, I received a call from Geri Boyer asking me to come to their loft. When I arrived, stepping into her loft, the music was very very loud. To put it into perspective, you would not have been able to sleep or watch TV anywhere in that loft because of the noise coming from the bands.

Around the same time of year, there had been several occasions where the inside music was so loud it overran the background music we had playing on our front patio. We responded with turning our patio music off. Currently we haven't had any issues with music inside Copper Fire interfering in our business or day to day.

We have had live music at Bennie's 3 days a week for almost 7 years with no complaints or issues. Our musical acts are generally 1-3 people with amplified sound and are much quieter than the bands at Copper Fire. If we do receive comments about the volume level, we turn the music down.

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Bennie Parr

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