

Scott Schmelzel/Public Comment

My name is Scott Schmelzel... I am Owner/Operator of Big Daddy's at 313 East Main Street in Belleville... Big Daddy's has been in business for 20 years... Big Daddy's is surrounded by businesses that mostly operate during the daytime hours...

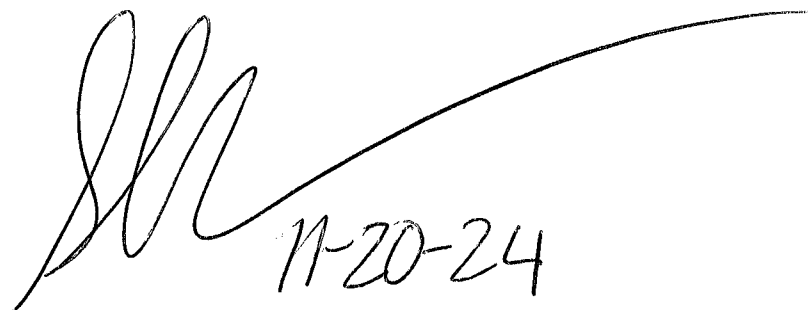
Big Daddy's is a party bar destination and has had a DJ's for 20 year... We only have bands on special event days... I have had several noise complaints at Big Daddy's over the years... We make every effort to stay inside compliance on noise ordinances and respect for our neighboring businesses... Tavern on Main is a neighboring business that has a patio affected by our sound... We maintain a sound level that works with the business district... Occasionally, we have a DJ go above the set sound level we have set at Big Daddy's... The manager on duty and I regularly walk down the street to see how far our sound is traveling... We ensure our sound is Not affecting other businesses in the district... Anytime we have received a complaint, we simply turn the volume down to accommodate the complaint...

I have worked with Copper Fire and many other businesses to create events and festivals that promote commerce for downtown... Several merchants and I had conversation with Copper Fire about their music being intrusive to other businesses... We had a meeting at Big Daddy's where merchants and Copper Fire attorneys met to discuss this lawsuit and controlling the music... In my opinion, in response to the lawsuit being filed, Copper Fire has addressed the music problem as it applies to affecting other businesses in the district... It does Not appear that she has corrected the problem with residences that are her direct neighbors... Most downtown businesses with live music employ 1man or 2 man bans that have no drums or electric sounds which keeps the sound down... Copper Fire has full bands, several nights a week, with full drums and electric sound, that make it difficult to control volume... I wish for Copper Fire to make a stronger effort to work with the neighboring residence to rectify this problem... Businesses do not want any further noise ordinances, and this lawsuit is bringing unwanted attention to a subject that was never a problem prior to this lawsuit...

This is how I feel...

Scott Schmelzel

Big Daddy's



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