

December 22, 1014

State of Illinois
Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street – Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601



Reference Case # PCB 15-93

To Whom It May Concern,

In response to Mr. Meador's claim that our request for relief from the board is frivolous, I am enclosing additional information.

I want the music emanating from inside Mr. Meador's building to be decreased to a level that does not prohibit me from sleeping in my bedroom and complies with ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

(415 ILCS 5/) Environmental Protection Act – A shown below,
Specifically (415 ILCS 5/24) from Ch. 111 ½ par 1024)

(415 ILCS 5/Tit. VI Heading)
TITLE VI: NOISE
(415 ILCS 5/23) from Ch. 111 ½ par 1023)
(415 ILCS 5/24) from Ch. 111 ½ par 1024)
(415 ILCS 5/25) from Ch. 111 ½ par 1025)

Mt. Carroll's previous ordinance, **Exhibit A**, reflected the EPA standard of not annoying or disturbing the quiet, comfort or repose of a person. Neither of these documents indicates a noise level.

According to Title 35: Environmental Protection SUBTITLE H: CHAPTER I; POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD – PART 901 SOUND EMISSION STANDARDS AND LIMITATION FOR PROPERTY LINE- NOISE-SOURCES. We are Residential Section 901.101. Sound emitted to Class A land Section 901.102. The new city ordinance, **Exhibit B**, allows a much higher level than the state and EPA allows and only applies to sounds emanating from an outside source. The ordinance does not apply to loud sounds emanating from inside a building or any other sounds as this applies to only amplified sounds.

Exhibit C is a record of decibel readings taken at our house. We had a meter certified by a sound expert but it is not state certified. The city has claimed to have purchased or going to purchase a meter several times in the past year and one half. They claim to borrow the county's, but have never brought it to our house and monitored the sound as they said they would.

The topic of purchasing one came up on 11-25-14 at the City Council meeting. We borrowed a meter to show the council how loud it was at our house, but to no avail as it still continues.

4) My property at 842 South Jackson is NOT zoned commercial as stated in Mr. Meador's motion to deny. **Exhibit D**, a copy of "Information for my home – Parcel 05-09-07-100-012."

It has been zoned Class 40 residential since the house was built in the 50's.

I do not know when the grocery was built, but I know it was there when I bought my home. And, that there were refrigeration units on the North side of the building that run intermittently, not continuously. I cannot hear them inside of my house and certainly not on the north side of my house. This is not an issue.

There have been other complaints but that they are not willing to step forward or not able to due to work constraints. I have talked to one of these people. I am no longer able to monitor the sound and have stopped calling the police as they will only respond if they receive a Legitimate complaint. According to Mayor Bates that consists of 3 noise complaints before he will consider it "Legitimate". I talked to the gentleman that lives on Lot 1 of Shimer Subdivision and he said that the noise didn't bother him and he was at the bar most of the time anyway.

When we first started complaining and asking for a solution to the noise problem, we were advised by an alderman to sell our house and move. I have included an overview, **Exhibit E**, of what has been going on since the bar opened in the summer of 2013. We were also advised to see the tax assessor and have our taxes lowered.

Regardless of the layout of the bar/restaurant business the noise I hear is emanating from the bands that play upstairs in the banquet room. There is no insulation in the roof. In previous conversations with Mr. Meador, he does not want to alter the design of the building – so, no insulation will be added. Alderman Sisler asked Mr. Meador recently if he had considered any of the suggestions to abate the noise problem. Mr. Meador replied, No, and that he wasn't going to do anything. Alderman Sisler can be reached at 815-535-1461 for this verification and other information.

I have called the police 14 times and on several occasions asked to sign a complaint. I was denied and have this on a recording of an officer telling us this. Sometimes the police did go over the bar and the sound was decreased for a while only to get loud again. I was also told to see the state's attorney, but without a legal complaint he will not see me. The City Council on 10-14-14 told me if I didn't like the new ordinance to see the Governor.

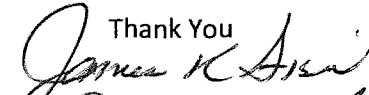

The city attorney, Ron Coplan, told me that the city did not have to go by state or EPA regulations, that they were merely guidelines. We have also been told that Mt. Carroll is "Home Rule" – they are not. Mr. Meador attended several council meetings and knew the problem existed. He even came over to our house with suggestions of how to "Fix" the problem.

All solutions that I would have to do, to take care of the problem I am having.

I called him 7 times between 11-9-13 and 1-31-14, as agreed to ask him to turn it down.

On the last call, he told me that I was going to have to do something to my house because he wasn't going to change the integrity of the building. Approx. cost to reinsulate our house was quoted at \$30,000.00 with no guarantee.

I have much more information including phone records, newspaper articles, witnesses and dates of incidents. Please let me know if you would like me to forward them.

Thank You


James R. Fiser &
Cheryl A. Fiser

Old Ordinance

Exhibit A

Mt. Carroll Loud and Unnecessary Noises 5-4-3.4 (b) the playing of any radio, phonograph or musical instrument with such volume, particularly between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) PM and (7:00) AM as to unreasonably annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, hospital, dwelling, hotel or other such building

Exhibit B

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10- 2

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO NOISES

WHEREAS, the City Code of the City of Mt. Carroll prohibits the creation of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise within the City limits as set forth in Section 5-4-3.4, and

WHEREAS, said Section 5-4-3.4 fails to include any provision for the playing of music outside of buildings whether for private or commercial purposes and fails to establish definable and objective standards to apply to loud and disturbing noises including the playing of music, and

WHEREFORE, it is in the best interests of public health, safety, and morals that the City Council adopt legislation to address the issue of loud and disturbing noise including music.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. CARROLL, ILLINOIS that the following amendment to Section 5-4-3.4 of the City Code be adopted.

Section 1. That Section 5-4-3.4 (J) of the City Code is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That in lieu thereof, the following is adopted as Section 5-4-3.4 (J).

Section 5-4-3.4 (J) Amplified Sound: Amplified sound emanating from a source located within the corporate limits of the City of Mt. Carroll shall not exceed 70 decibels at the property line of the source of the amplified sound. No amplified sound emanating from a source outside of a structure shall be allowed after eleven o'clock (11:00 o'clock) P.M.

Exception: This section shall not apply to events sponsored by nonprofit organizations or benefits held pursuant to a permit issued by the City Clerk authorized by the Mayor and Council.

Section 3. That all Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication as requested by law.

Passed this 28th day of October, 2014.

Approved this 28th day of October, 2014

Carle R. Bites
MAYOR

ATTEST:

John A. G...
CITY CLERK



New Ordinance as of 10-28-14
Posted in Newspaper

Thursday, November 13, 2014 ■ Northwestern Illinois Dispatch

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Esther

Henry's Double K – DB Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Decibel Level</u>
8/13/2013	6:00 PM	Outside on North side of House	53
8/16/2013	12:00 PM	In Bedroom on North side of House	72
8/23/2013	6:00 PM	Outside on North side of House	53
	7:25 PM	Outside on North side of House	67
	8:15 PM	Outside on North side of House	76-81
	8:50 PM	Front of House	77-82
	9:40 PM	Driveway	77-84
	10:15 PM	Driveway	78-83
	10:50 PM	Driveway	78-83
	11:55 PM	In Bedroom on North side of House	81
8/24/2013	9:00 PM	Outside on North side of House	75-78
	10:20 PM	Outside on North side of House	78-80
	11:00 PM	Driveway	79-80
	11:06 AM	Driveway	73
8/25/2013	12:25 AM	Driveway	80
8/27/2013	10:34 PM	Outside on North side of House	66
8/31/2013	8:45 PM	Outside on North side of House	61
	9:45 PM	Outside on North side of House	61
9/1/2013	6:00 PM	Outside on North side of House	61
9/13/2013	9:05 PM	In Bedroom on North side of House	63 - 67
	10:30 PM	In Bedroom on North side of House	63-67
9/20/2013	12:00 PM	In Bedroom on North side of House	68
11/10/2013	12:15 AM	In Bedroom on North side of House	68-70
11/22/2013	11:10 PM	In Bedroom on North side of House	68
12/14/2013	10:40 to 10:52	In Bedroom on North side of House	Car Alarms
2/8/2014	9:15 PM	Outside on North side of House	58
	10:00 PM	Outside on North side of House	60

Henry's Double K – DB Readings

	11:15 PM	Outside on North side of House	68
2/15/2014	12:30 AM	Outside on North side of House	68-70
	12:38 AM	Outside on North side of House	64-70
	11:00 PM	Outside on North side of House	53
2/22/2014	11:45 PM	Outside on North side of House	68 - 80
3/1/2014	7:20 PM	East side of House facing North	55
	9:15 PM	East side of House facing North	67
	10:30 PM	East side of House facing North	64
	11:10 PM	East side of House facing North	70
	11:18 PM	East side of House facing North	70
3/2/14	12:10 AM	North side of House w/bedroom window open *	68-70
	12:21 AM	North side of House w/bedroom window open *	73-80
		* Ice covered snow-too hard to walk around to that side of house	

Henry's Double K -- DB Readings 2

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Decibel Level</u>
2/28/14 *	7:00 PM	East side of House facing North	53-55
		Train went by while taking reading	67
	9:25 PM	East side of House facing North	58
3/7/14			
	9:20 PM	East side of House facing North	54
	10:20 PM	East side of House facing North	56
3/8/14	11:20 PM	East side of House facing North	55
	12:20 AM	North side of House w/bedroom window open	55-68
	7:50 PM	East side of House facing North No Reading/Under 50	-50
	9:10 PM	East side of House facing North	50-53

*Omitted from previous Sheet

Elizabeth D



Carroll County, Illinois
301 North Main Street
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
Phone: (815) 244-0228

Welcome to Carroll County

Information for Parcel 05-09-07-100-012, Tax Year 2013 Payable 2014

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Property Information

Tax Year 2013	Alternate PIN	Tax Status <i>Taxable</i>
Township Mt Carroll Township	Tax Code 05011	Property Class 0040-Residential Improved
Net Taxable Value 6,231	Tax Rate 10.559590	Total Tax 5657.98
Site Address 842 S JACKSON ST MT CARROLL, IL	Owner Name and Address FISER, JAMES & CHERYL A 842 S JACKSON ST MT CARROLL, IL 61053-0000	Mailing Name and Address FISER, CHERYL 842 S JACKSON ST MT CARROLL, IL 61053
Legal Description 54 MTC 544 S7 T24 R5 PT LOT 2 (DEED REC 93-278) NW. 05-000-544-00		
Lot Size None		
Public Notes None		

Assessments

	Level	Homestead	Dwelling	Farm Land	Farm Building	Mineral	Total
DOR Equalized		2,457	16,774	0	0	0	19,231
Department of Revenue		2,457	16,774	0	0	0	19,231
Board of Review Equalized		2,457	16,774	0	0	0	19,231
Board of Review		2,457	16,774	0	0	0	19,231
Sof A Equalized		2,457	16,774	0	0	0	19,231
Supervisor of Assessments		2,457	16,774	0	0	0	19,231

		Assessments			
Township Assessor	2,457	16,774	0	0	19,231
Prior Year	2,457	16,774	0	0	19,231

		Payments						
Installment	Date Due	Tax Billed	Penalty Billed	Cost Billed	Drainage Billed	Total Billed	Amount Paid	Total Unpaid
First	07/03/2014	\$328.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.99	\$328.99	\$0.00
Second	09/03/2014	\$328.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.99	\$328.99	\$0.00
Total		\$657.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$657.98	\$657.98	\$0.00

Payment Detail

Installment	Receipt Number	Date Paid	Paid By	Amount
First	2013002736	06/17/2014	FISER, JAMES & CHERYL A	\$328.99
Second	2013002737	06/17/2014	FISER, JAMES & CHERYL A	\$328.99
Total				\$657.98

Exemptions

Exemption Type	Requested Date	Granted Date	Renewal Date	Prorate Date	Requested Amount	Granted Amount
Disabled Person	11/15/2013	11/15/2013	11/15/2013		2,000	2,000
Owner Occupied	06/04/2008	06/04/2008	02/20/2013		6,000	6,000
Senior Homestead	04/12/2012	04/12/2012	02/20/2013		5,000	5,000
Senior Assessment Freeze	06/28/2013	06/28/2013			0	0

Farmland

Land Type	Acres	EAV	Soil Details
Total:	0.00	0	0.00

Forfeiture

Type	Status	Date Forfeited	Date Paid	Tax Amt.	Penalty Amt.	Cost Amt.	Interest Amt.	Drainage Amt.
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Parcel Genealogy

Parent Parcels				Child Parcels			
Child Of	Action	Tax Year	Change Effective Year	Parent Of	Action	Tax Year	Completed?
							Completed?

Legal Descriptions

Legal Description	Section/Township/Range	Document
54 MTC 544 S7 T24 R5 PT LOT 2 (DEED REC 93-278) NW. 05-000-544-00		

Related Names

Related Names

Name	Relationship	Status
FISER, CHERYL	Mail-to Name	Current
FISER, JAMES & CHERYL A	Parcel Owner	Current

Tax Sale Summary

Year	Certificate	Type	Date Sold	Sale Status	Status Date	Penalty Date
Sales History						

Taxing Bodies

Year	Document #	Sale Type	Sale Date	Valid Sale	Gross Selling Price	Net Selling Price
		District			Tax Rate	Extension
		CARROLL COUNTY			0.8928	\$55.63
		MT CARROLL FIRE			0.6440	\$40.13
		HIGHLAND JC 519			0.4845	\$30.19
		MT CARROLL LIBRARY			0.2386	\$14.87
		MT CARROLL TWP			0.5097	\$31.76
		MT CARROLL R&B			0.4872	\$30.36
		MT CARROLL U304 BOND			0.0000	\$0.00
		WEST CARROLL U314			5.7743	\$359.80
		MT CARROLL CORP			1.5285	\$95.24
		MT CARROLL TIF			0.0000	\$0.00
		Total			10.5596	\$657.98

Images

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Desktop Underwriter Quantitative Analysis Appraisal Report

File No.: MtCarroll Trygg

THIS SUMMARY APPRAISAL REPORT IS INTENDED FOR USE BY THE LENDER/CLIENT FOR A MORTGAGE FINANCE TRANSACTION ONLY.

Property Address 842 South Jackson Street City Mt. Carroll State IL Zip Code 61053
Legal Description Pt. Lt. 2 NW, 54 MTC 544, Sec.7, T24N, R5E of the 4th PM. County Carroll
Assessor's Parcel No. 05-000-544-00 **Tax Year** 2004 **R.E. Taxes** \$ 1326.20 **Special Assessments** \$ None
Borrower Cheryl A. Trygg **Current Owner** Marie B. Freeman **Occupant:** Owner Tenant Vacant
Neighborhood or Project Name N/A **Project Type** PUD Condominium **HOA** \$ None /Mo.
Sales Price \$ 62,000 **Date of Sale** August, 2005 **Description** \$ amount of loan charges/concessions to be paid by seller None
Property rights appraised Fee Simple Leasehold **Map Reference** 17015 **Census Tract** 9604.00

Note: Race and the racial composition of the neighborhood are not appraisal factors.

Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	Property values	<input type="checkbox"/> Increasing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stable	<input type="checkbox"/> Declining	Single family housing	PRICE	AGE	Condominium housing	PRICE	AGE
Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 75%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25-75%	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 25%	Demand/supply	<input type="checkbox"/> Shortage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In balance	<input type="checkbox"/> Oversupply	PRICE	(\$000)	(yrs)	PRICE	(\$000)	(yrs)
Growth rate	<input type="checkbox"/> Rapid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stable	<input type="checkbox"/> Slow	Marketing time	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 3 mos.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-6 mos.	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 6 mos.	40	Low	20	N/A	Low	N/A

Neighborhood boundaries The subject property's neighborhood boundaries and characteristics are generally determined by the school districts. All comparable sales used are in the same school district.

90	High	100	N/A	High	N/A
Predominant		Predominant		Predominant	
65		60	N/A		N/A

Dimensions App 160' x 272.25' (MOL) **Site area** 43560 Sq.Ft. or 1-AC **Shape** Rectangular
Specific zoning classification and description Residential (R2)
Zoning compliance Legal Legal nonconforming (Grandfathered use); Illegal, attach description No zoning
Highest and best use of subject property as improved (or as proposed per plans and specifications): Present use Other use, attach description.
Utilities Public Other Public Other **Off-site Improvements** Type Public Private
Electricity Water Street Asphalt
Gas Sanitary sewer Alley None

Are there any apparent adverse site conditions (easements, encroachments, special assessments, slide areas, etc.)? Yes No If Yes, attach description.
Source(s) used for physical characteristics of property: Interior and exterior inspection Exterior inspection from street Previous appraisal files
 MLS Assessment and tax records Prior inspection Property owner Other (Describe):
No. of Stories 2 / 1.5 **Type (Det./Att.)** Det **Exterior Walls** Wood Siding **Roof Surface** Asph Shingle **Manufactured Housing** Yes No
Does the property generally conform to the neighborhood in terms of style, condition, and construction materials? Yes No If No, attach description.
Are there any apparent physical deficiencies or conditions that would affect the soundness or structural integrity of the improvements or the livability of the property?
 Yes No If Yes, attach description.
Are there any apparent adverse environmental conditions (hazardous wastes, toxic substances, etc.) present in the improvements, on the site, or in the immediate vicinity of the subject property? Yes No If Yes, attach description.

I researched the subject market area for comparable listings and sales that are the most similar and proximate to the subject property.
 My research revealed a total of 4 sales ranging in sales price from \$ 50,000 to \$ 80,000.
 My research revealed a total of 4 listings ranging in list price from \$ 50,000 to \$ 80,000.
 The analysis of the comparable sales below reflects market reaction to significant variations between the sales and the subject property.

FEATURE	SUBJECT	SALE 1	SALE 2	SALE 3	
842 South Jackson Street		113 North College Street	209 Franklin Street	10 Aspen Park	
Address Mt. Carroll		Mt. Carroll	Mt. Carroll	Mt. Carroll	
Proximity to Subject		7 Blocks	5 Blocks	4 Blocks	
Sales Price	\$ 62,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 54,500	\$ 80,200	
Price/Gross Liv. Area	\$ 53.68/sf	\$ 53.42/sf	\$ 58.35/sf	\$ 65.74/sf	
Data & Verif. Sources		Court House / Inspection	Court House / Inspection	Court House / Inspection	
VALUE ADJUSTMENTS	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	+(-)\$ Adjustment	DESCRIPTION	+(-)\$ Adjustment
Sales or Financing					
Concessions		Conventional	0	Conventional	0
Date of Sale/Time	August, 2005	04/28/2005	0	05/18/2005	0
Location	Suburban	Suburban	0	Suburban	0
Site	App 1-Acre Site	App 173' x 143'	0	App 66' x 132'	+5,000
View	Typical for Area	Typical for Area	0	Typical for Area	0
Design (Style)	1.5-Story	1.5-Story	0	1.5-Story	0
Actual Age (Yrs.)	App 80+Years	App 80+Years	0	App 80+Years	0
Condition	Average	Superior	-7,500	Average	0
Above Grade	Total Bdrms Baths	Total Bdrms Baths		Total Bdrms Baths	
Room Count	6 3 1.00	6 3 1.00		6 3 1.00	
Gross Living Area	1,155 Sq. Ft.	1,404 Sq. Ft.	-1,200	934 Sq. Ft.	+1,100
Basement and Finished Rooms Below Grade	910-sf Bsmt Unfinished	936-sf Bsmt Unfinished	0	676-sf Bsmt Unfinished	0
Garage/Carport	Det 2+Car Gar	Det 2+Car Gar	0	Det 1+Car Gar	+2,000
Heating/Cooling	Gas FA/Wnd AC	Gas FA/Wnd AC	0	Gas FA/Wnd AC	0
Amenities	Enc. Porch	Enc. Porch	0	Porch, Fireplace, Dk	-4,000
Net Adj. (total)		<input type="checkbox"/> + <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - \$ 8,700		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> + <input type="checkbox"/> - \$ 8,100	
Adjusted Sales Price of Comparables		Gross: 11.6% Net: -11.6% \$ 66,300		Gross: 14.9% Net: 14.9% \$ 62,600	
Date of Prior Sales	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Price of Prior Sales	\$ N/A	\$ N/A		\$ N/A	

Analysis of any current agreement of sale, option, or listing of the subject property and analysis of the prior sales of subject and comparables: None found.

Summary of sales comparison and value conclusion: All adjustments were based on the market. Adjustments made include \$5000 adjustments for Comp 2's smaller site & for Comp 3's finished basement, 10% condition adjustment for Comp 1, \$5/sf GLA adjustments, and \$2000 adjustments for all other marketable differences. Equal consideration was given to all three comparable sales. As adjusted, these sales were considered to be good indicators for the Subject's value.

Exhibit E Overview of Complaint

In July 2005 we bought our house at 842 South Jackson, in Mt. Carroll knowing that North of us there was a wooded vacant lot and a commercial building that was once a playhouse built by Chicagoan Irv Kupcinec for his daughter Karen. At some point it had been spot zoned to be commercial.

We were told there had been several restaurants in it but all failed and it had been empty since about 1997.

In March of 2013 James "Henry" Meador bought the building and began restoration so it could be opened as a restaurant. July 2013 he had an outside band that was very loud. It could be heard all over town including by the Mayor's Mother's house. We called Alderman Tom Charles and he advised us to call the police if it happened again. When the Mayor was called he said he did not think there was an ordinance.

In August Henry stopped our house and invited us over and had suggestions for us to deal with the loud music. "Camp out at his farm, turn on the air-conditioning, enjoy the music and he would bring steaks over, and other suggestions regarding sex I cannot repeat."

This has been going on ever since May of 2013. To date we can hear the bands even if they are inside the bar. Sometimes we don't hear the bands at all. We borrowed a calibrated decibel meter and have recorded decibels as high as 83 in our house.

Last November we agreed to call Henry if the music got too loud. That worked for about a month, then he told us we would have to do something to our house because he was not going to change anything about the building (insulation was discussed) and he was not going anywhere. (Approx. cost to re-insulate our house \$30,000.00 with no guarantee)..

The police have come to our house many times but will not let us sign a complaint. We have been told this is by the Mayor's orders. The courthouse records of our calls are not accurate and in some case missing. On April 8th. 2014 the council voted to change the ordinance to a db. of 70.

As of 9-29-14 the ordinance has not been changed but it is being enforced as if it has.

There have been private meetings between Henry and the Mayor that Jim was supposed to be included in – but someone forgot to let Jim know. PRIVATE BEHIND DOORS MEETINGS.

In February 2014 we sought help from Prairie State Legal. After a sound test, they determined they could not represent us in a private matter – June 27. During that time we did not call police or attend council meetings. They did send a letter to Attorney Coplan advising him that we were getting help from Prairie State Legal. This happened after a meeting with the Mayor, Attorney and the Police Chief on Feb. 25th. Chief Cass was advised by Officer Meeker we had recorded him telling us to see city Hall if we had a problem with the noise. Chief Cass insisted this was illegal – Jim told him we had permission from Officer Meeker to record him stating he could not do anything about the noise. Chief Cass yelled at us and the Mayor and Attorney did nothing to quiet the situation.

The Mayor insists that they can do "whatever they want" and do not have to go by state statutes. Attorney Coplan said it depends on how the ordinance is written. Alderman Grimm said we do not have to do what other communities are doing. Jim was told to call the Governor if he didn't like it. No testing has ever been done by the city as we were told it would be and according to the Mayor, no one has monitored the sound from the bar.

Or maybe he should run for Mayor. Of the two aldermen on the ordinance committee, one wears hearing aids and the other one doesn't know where our house is.

Alderman Charles invited Jim to the next council meeting - supposedly the ordinance is going to pass then.

If we have a noise complaint, call the police and THEY WILL DETERMINE IF IT IS TOO LOUD. ie: 70 db
No ticket, not a legal matter.

I have much more documentation starting from July 19th.2013 about this matter and can provide dates, meter readings, and band names. Alderman Bob Sisler has been very helpful and he can be contacted at 815-535-1461.

Code 5-4-3-4 (b)