

OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT NOISE PROGRAM FEE SCHEDULE

189055

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, **PRINT** YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

NAME (print)

ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE *(Optional)*

Email *(Optional)*

MARY SIPE		

Good morning, my name is Mary Sipe

I oppose this request. Simply increasing the fees by 5% every year does not adequately address the inequities in the structure of the fee schedule.

Last year I testified about the April 2016 proposed revised Noise Variance Permit Fee Schedule that was projected to generate as much as \$90,000 in increased revenue for the Noise Control Program and assess fees more equitably.

I also told you how after outreach to stakeholders and a special public meeting the proposed revised fee schedule seemed to be moving forward when on August 31, 2016 the Noise Control Office advised City Council that they would simply propose “a nominal increase of approximately 15%” to the existing Noise Variance Fee Schedule.

No explanation was ever given as to why changes to the structure of the fee schedule were not included.

An August 23, 2016 email from Kathy Couch advised stakeholders:

“This fall, the Noise Office will be conducting a tracking study to present to City Council in the spring of 2017, identifying actual staff-time costs that are associated with the variance process...The Noise Program is interested in exploring new and creative ways to increase funding the Noise Control Office.”

Was that study conducted?

Was anything done with it?

I am not aware of any results of this study being presented to City Council...are you?

City Council should deny this request and direct the Noise Control Office to report to you the results of the study and what new and creative ways they plan to increase funding the Noise Control Office.

The current structure of the fee schedule greatly favors construction which is currently the most disruptive and wide-spread noise in our city.

For example... (See attached power point slides)

Motor Vehicle Racing Noise Variance Permit Fees

- ▶ Vintage Car Racing Annual Labor Day Races
 - Each event 3 days
 - 3 Year Noise Variance Permit
 - \$3315 First year
 - \$1075 Additional Years
 - Total \$5465 3-Year Variance

**Approximately \$600 per day for a total of
9 days**



Construction Noise Variance Permit Fees

- 30 Early Morning Concrete Pours
 - 2 days duration \$250
 - One week duration \$645
 - Additional weeks \$225
- 12 month maximum \$1080
- 30 pours = \$36 per day

If pile driving required a Noise Variance Permit a 55 day project like Block 20 would cost approximately \$19 per day..

But then as we all know pile driving currently does not require a Noise Variance Permit



- ▶ **With the current fee schedule structure, the more days that a construction project makes noise the less they pay per day!**

