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Dear Members of the ALRC,

I would like to register my opposition to the renewal of an unrestricted license for Mickey's Tavern at 1524 Williamson Street due to unacceptable noise levels during live performances. I have spoken to our alder and with the police department, who both recommended I contact the police non-emergency line when the noise is too loud. I have gotten out of bed on many occasions to do this, but the problem continues and I feel like this is a waste of police resources.

Mickey's hosts bands regularly on any night of the week. Bands start playing at 10 p.m. and frequently play past midnight. Even with their windows and doors closed, the music travels throughout the surrounding neighborhood, including across the Yahara River. When patrons enter or leave through the front or side doors, the sound is intolerably loud. This has had a negative impact on my sleep and health. In the words of the City of Madison ordinances, it "unreasonably interferes with the comfort, repose, health, peace, safety, or welfare of others."

I appreciate that Madison has a vibrant live music scene and I want to support it, but not at the expense of my well-being. I would like to propose reasonable restrictions on their entertainment license, much like other nearby establishments that host live music.

For instance, according to minutes from a license renewal hearing on 5/11/24, the following conditions were placed on these establishments:

1380 Williamson Street - License limited DJs playing music on the current speaker system with no additional amplification

2116 Atwood Avenue - Limitations of use of back door, music must end by 12:30 a.m., front door must be kept closed during performances

2262 Winnebago Street - Entertainment must end by 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 11 p.m. on other days, and sound level must not exceed 45 dbs at the property line

1224 Williamson Street - Decibel level must not exceed 60 dbs at the property line and other

limitations

852 Williamson Street - Additional soundproofing required

I suggest that similar conditions be placed on Mickey's Tavern:

- Limit the sound level to 60 dbs maximum (normal conversation) measured from outside
- Do not use front and side doors during performances
- Bands stop playing by 11 p.m. during the week and by 12 a.m. on weekends (I think is generous)
- Require the bar to do something about the crowds of loud patrons spilling into the street at bar time, which happens on a regular basis
- Bands must set up in the back room of the building as opposed to immediately inside the front door

With these changes, Mickey's would be a great neighbor.

Thank you for your consideration,

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