

Sirs,

I strongly recommend that you reconsider your ban on amplified music at the Lakeside Street Coffee house. I am a frequent patron and also a frequent performer. We have amplification so that people can hear, but I have never been there when it was loud. People are there to converse and listen to the music, so the last thing any of the performers want to do is overwhelm the audience. If amplification is not allowed this will essentially ban music as no one will be able to hear the music if there are more than 10 people there. I tell you this as a performer.

This is a nice quiet place for live music. Kate has recently invested significant dollars to improve the room. If you ban music she may very well have to close. This would certainly not enhance Madison's anti-business reputation.

Thank you for your time

Jeff Stitgen