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Re: Minocqua Brewing company outdoor music permit

When considering granting extraordinary permissions or privileges that would enable any person or business to influence the public sphere, it is wise to first examine how they have used the power they already wield.

The manner in which Kirk, the business owner of Minocqua Brewing, has conducted himself is deplorable. He has taken every opportunity to silence his critics using harassment, publishing falsehoods, and even posting vindictive attacks against the character of Google reviewers who dislike his beer. I

This is not the character of a man who should be trusted with additional privileges.

Sincerely,
Seth Klotz
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To the Planning and Zoning Committee,

I am writing to formally submit my opposition to the conditional use permit requested by Minocqua Brewing Company. As a resident living only two houses away from this establishment, I have significant concerns regarding this proposal.

My primary concern is the existing noise level in our neighborhood. Between drag racing, street vending, and overhead aircraft, the area is already heavily impacted. We need to reduce noise pollution in this residential area, not increase it.

Furthermore, I am concerned about the management and reliability of this business. Kirk Bangstad has not demonstrated a commitment to being a responsible business owner. He has repeatedly disregarded amplified music regulations at the East Washington location, either by allowing performers to use unauthorized amplification or by scheduling large brass bands specifically to disrupt the neighborhood. He has even documented these actions on his social media pages.

I urge you to consider the negative impact this permit would have on the surrounding residents and deny the request.

Sincerely,

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City of Madison Common Council / Licensing & Permits Office
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Re: Opposition to Outdoor Amplified Music Permit Minocqua Brewing Company

Dear Council Members and Licensing Officials,

My name is Eric Staggs, a former employee of Minocqua Brewing Company. I respectfully urge the City of Madison to deny any permit that allows Minocqua Brewing Company to host loud amplified music outdoors at its Madison location.

My concern is not simply about noise. It is about the conduct of the business's owner, Kirk Bangstad, and the documented pattern of **retaliatory behavior he has exhibited toward those who raise legitimate complaints or concerns about his establishment**. As a former employee, I have witnessed firsthand Kirk Bangstad's behavior. I have seen his temper in text messages, emails, and most frighteningly in person. As an employee, I witnessed him change facts about employees who left. This is a habit that is wildly unethical and dangerous.

Mr. Bangstad has a well-publicized history of using his social media platform and public profile to publicly shame, harass, and intimidate individuals who criticize or oppose his business interests. Neighbors, customers, and community members who have voiced concerns have reportedly faced targeted online attacks, public callouts, and coordinated pressure campaigns. This pattern of retaliation creates a chilling effect that discourages residents from exercising their right to raise concerns through proper civic channels, including this very process.

Granting a permit for loud outdoor music would predictably generate neighbor complaints. Given Mr. Bangstad's track record, those neighbors would be placing themselves at personal risk of public retaliation simply for participating in the civic process. That is an untenable situation and one that the City must not enable.

I urge the City to consider the following:

Because enforcement of noise violations is difficult, and Kirk enjoys skirting the law, concepts like decibel limitation will go ignored. The City should also consider whether the owner's documented conduct toward critics is relevant to the establishment's overall fitness to hold expanded operating privileges.

Madison prides itself on being a city that listens to its residents. I ask that you ensure residents near this establishment can voice concerns without fear of retaliation from its owner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric Staggs

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