

I feel that the discussion has been diverted from the initial issue regarding the sound permit for ATX Sports Bar which was granted on June 24th. I understand the concerns of the neighborhood but I feel that this issue has become larger than my establishment's sound permit. To be fair to all current and future businesses in the area, their voices should be heard as well. It is only right that they are involved in any decisions that may affect their business. At this time I am unaware of any other bar owners that have been notified of the proposals with certain limitations that have been suggested. The proposals are trying to limit entertainment on East 6<sup>th</sup> Street as a whole, which does not pertain to the appeal of my permit. The issue at hand deals with the noise caused during events at ATX Sports Bar. The claim that my music is very disturbing is without warrant. Have you documented the days that you were disturbed to make sure it was my establishment at fault? The issue is "if I stay under the noise limits, there should be no need to limit the number of events." Regardless of the number of events held, the sound level has always been at if not below 85 decibels. As always any concerned officials or neighbors are welcome to come measure the sound decibels at any event. We have even purchased our own sound level meter to maintain our sound limitations.

After considerable amount of discussions and research, limiting my permit to a certain amount of events that my business may conduct, also limits my financial income. This is unacceptable. My establishment is not the only financial beneficiaries from these events, it is also the community. Several of the outdoor events that are held are in conjunction with other well-known citywide festivals including The Republic of Texas Bike Rally and South by Southwest Music Festival. The events that are not well noted are the ones that have the most affect on the people of the community. A benefit for Mrs. Gatica who had lost her husband, a father of two who was trying to be

accepted into the Austin police academy was held on the second weekend of June. Blind Sided, an all women's softball team, held a fundraiser to support their trip to Missouri where the national softball tournament was held. This year will mark the third consecutive trip for the team.

We are desperately trying to work with our neighbors and City Officials under our existing permit. I have never be cited by the City for being loud (pass the required 85 decibels), never cited by the Fire Department, and never by the Health Department. I am working with TABC and have formed a good relationship with them. For now I feel that we must proceed with the issues pertaining to only ATX Sports Bar and not the entire upcoming entertainment district of the new East 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Once the City of Austin and the City Council can come together with the neighborhood organizations and all business owners to make decisions regarding limitations to sound permits, then ATX Sports Bar will gladly at that time abide by the new regulations as we have for the past 2-1/2 years. Therefore I request that I be granted continuation of my existing permit.

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