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Date: November 14, 1994

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Fr: Richard V. Scali, Acting Chair/Executive Officer

Re: Council Order #34, dated 10/31/94, Whether Street Festivals & Other Public Celebrations Sanctioned or Sponsored by the City are Required to Comply With Terms of Noise Ordinance

In response to the above council order, the License Commission does license and monitor festivals and public celebrations for which a license is required, namely where ~~is~~ a fee is charged for some form of entertainment and/or alcohol.

For the most part, these are events sponsored by the churches for fund raising, in the spring and fall, near or on church grounds, with carnival rides and booths. Investigators Boyer and Headley, and Officer Lashley do monitor these events and have on many occasions, had rides turned in different directions or music amplification turned down or suggested different sites. On some occasions, residents contact our investigators ahead of time to help monitor their home for a particular problem such as in the case of St. John's festival. All one day entertainment and/or alcohol licenses are monitored by our investigators as well for any event, whether or not they are city sponsored.

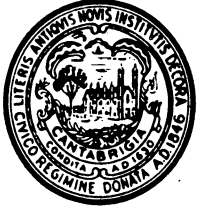
Chapter 8.16.080, Section H. of the Noise Ordinance, provides for a non-measured noise disturbance if the operating, playing, or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier, or other similar device which produces, reproduces or amplifies sound in a any place of public entertainment in such a manner to be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the source.

All events, so long as they licensed, are monitored by this office and must comply with the above noise ordinance section. Non-licensed events would not be monitored by this office.

If there are any specific complaints about any event, the complainant should notify this office so that a complaint may be filed and any future event not be allowed unless the problem is resolved.

cc: Russell Higley, City Solicitor; Andrea Boyer, Chief Investigator; Mary Ellen Vera

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December 12, 1994

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 33, regarding whether street festivals and other public celebrations sanctioned or sponsored by the City are required to comply with the terms of the Noise Ordinance, received from Richard V. Scali, Acting Chair/Executive Officer of the License Commission.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 10

S-572

Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
Thirty-Three regarding whether street festivals
and other public celebrations sanctioned or
sponsored by the City are required to comply
with the terms of the Noise Ordinance.

*for original order
see 1994 - City Manager
Requests # 369.*

In City Council,

December 12, 1994

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