

TO: Kurt Eggebrecht, Health Officer City of Appleton
FROM: Patti Coenen, Owner, Fox River House
RE: Noise Variance

January 23, 2018

Dear Kurt,

I am requesting the following weekend dates for a noise variance for the Fox River House beer garden. Times are from 7pm-11pm unless otherwise noted.

May 25, 26

June 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30

July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28

Mile of Music: August 2, 3, 4 11am-11pm, August 5th 11am-9pm

August 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31

September 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

Last year as promised, I monitored sound levels with an app on my iPhone and iPad as recommended by the city's Health Officer, Kurt Eggebrecht. As suggested by Kurt I kept records of the average levels of each band, taken from the same spot. We had one band that we had to ask to turn down the volume because the reading was higher than the rest. Of the 42 days approved by the Board of Health and Council, we had music on 30 days with 12 rain days.

There has been an amazing amount of research done to prove the benefits of music on the human brain. Listening to music can create peak emotions, which increase the amount of dopamine, a specific neurotransmitter that is produced in the brain and helps control the brain's reward and pleasure centers.

Tufts University professor and author, Ani Patel says "the great emotional power of music may be because it doesn't just activate one emotion system in the brain, it seems to activate almost every single emotion system at the same time in ways that very few other things can."

Appleton's central business district is a vibrant and growing area, the most recent addition, Fox Cities Exhibition Center and a recently announced new U.S. Venture headquarters. Attracting an educated and talented workforce also means offering a large variety of activities and amenities to also retain that workforce. Broadway shows, wonderful restaurants, shopping, art, museums, farmer's market, festivals and live music.

Thank you again for your consideration in this matter, as always, I greatly appreciate it.

Regards,

Patti