

HELP STOP THE NOISE AT RED ROCKS

New Red Rocks Sound Regulations in Effect

The City and County of Denver recently implemented sound level regulations at Red Rocks Amphitheatre effective January 1, 2014. These regulations allow for **UNLIMITED** noise until 12:00 a.m. on weeknights and 1:00 a.m. on weekends. Limits are then restricted to only 125 dB. **These regulations were in effect on the night of January 31 when the neighborhood got a sample of what will be occurring at concerts from now on if pressure is not applied to Denver to implement a more reasonable and respectful limit.**

Will these regulations help?

Sound tests have been conducted by the City of Denver and the Town of Morrison. These tests measured only A-weighted sound pressure level, which includes common conversation and music sound, but did not address the C-weighted sound pressure levels, which are the long wave low frequency sound waves that travel through the ground and make walls and windows pulse and rattle. **This low frequency sound wave music, called EDM, has become increasingly popular.**

Because the Town of Morrison was conducting conversations with the City and County of Denver, we hoped that a reasonable solution would be forthcoming. The affected residents of unincorporated Jefferson County waited and watched to see if Morrison could succeed in reaching a solution. As of the March 4th meeting, the Morrison Town Board indicates it still plans to "wait and see."

The City and County of Denver interpreted this lack of neighborhood complaints as a sign that there was no problem with noise in the community. Now that the regulations have been revealed and the intent for unreasonable sound levels is apparent, all of us in the surrounding community need to make our concerns known and our voices heard. The City and County of Denver has found it very profitable to bring in concerts that perform high C-weighted type music and are planning to increase the number of concerts per year, and also begin to have them year round. The January 2014 concert was just a test case.

Are Concerts Still Good Neighbors?

For decades, concerts at Red Rocks have posed little inconvenience; only in the last few years has the situation changed. Our community should not have to tolerate this abusive behavior by a previously harmonious and respectful neighbor. Allowing this to continue infringes upon our rights.

- Children and working adults should not be expected to wait until midnight to get to sleep, and then struggle through the working day sleep-deprived.
- These noise levels will prevent residents from enjoying their backyards and influence property values.
- Wildlife is also silently suffering with this assault, and ***no studies have been conducted by Denver*** to evaluate the impact on animals that are too small to simply run away, or on the beautiful nesting falcons and eagles.
- No studies have been conducted to see what the long range impact of these long range low frequency sound waves will be on the foundations of our houses, or how they may be affecting the natural structure of Red Rocks itself.

The quality of life surrounding Red Rocks has been compromised just in the past few years with these new unrestricted concerts. Our previously good neighbor has turned aggressive and is inflicting injury, and it is time to take action.

How you can help:

Please join the neighborhood in getting our voices heard and our concerns addressed. We can no longer wait for someone else to get this changed. Every time you experience an unacceptable level of noise send an e-mail or call:

- Denver 311: Call [720-913-1311](tel:720-913-1311) to report City-related concerns
- Denver Mayor Michael Hancock: Email milehighmayor@denvergov.org; Twitter @MayorHancock; Facebook ([facebook.com/5280mayor](https://www.facebook.com/5280mayor)); phone [720-913-9000](tel:720-913-9000).
- Kent Rice, Director of Denver Arts and Venues, the city entity that manages the Amphitheatre: Email kent.rice@denvergov.org; Twitter @redrocksonline; phone [720-865-4202](tel:720-865-4202). Arts & Venues staff: <http://artsandvenuesdenver.com/about/staff-directory/>
- Lauri Dannemiller, Manager of Denver Parks & Recreation (Red Rocks Park is a Denver Mountain Park): Email lauri.dannemiller@denvergov.org or parksandrecreation@denvergov.org; Twitter @denverparksrec. Use 311 number above to contact by phone.
- Copy any emails you send to clerk@town.morrison.co.us and please post your comments on our website.

**Please join us Thursday, March 27, 2014, 7 p.m.
at the Morrison Town Hall to voice your concerns**

If we do not send a loud and clear message to the City and County of Denver, we will be subjected to this abusive sound on an increasingly frequent basis. We are strong when we combine our voices and express our concerns. Change is possible but requires action from each one of us.

**Visit our website, saveredrocks.com,
for more information, links, and to add your concerns.**

Thank you!