

Melendez, Yadira

From: Cooney, Jim
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 2:02 PM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Fw: Notice of Complaint :Daily Nuisance

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From: Bauman, Robert <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:48:48 AM
To: Motiya Lopez <hezmorentals@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: Notice of Complaint :Daily Nuisance

These are all issues that should be presented to the licensing committee next week. Eye witness testimony to these issues is critical.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2025, at 9:05 AM, Motiya Lopez <hezmorentals@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Alderman Bauman.

As the long standing owner of the building at 532-534 N Water St, I am writing to discuss the daily disturbance, The City Social Bar and Grille is causing for residents and business owners .

We have been working since they opened last year to find a resolution to the following issues:

- noise, loud, vulgar music and patrons so loud that the noise echos down water street from corner to corner and into the residences within our property
- patrons leaving the establishment at a level of intoxication whereby they are cursing and arguing, stumbling loitering and up and down the block and vomiting at our front entrance just 10 feet away.
- a volume of music with foul language and sexually graphic lyrics more becoming of a hip hop night club, than a respectable bar and grille on any level

- vehicles regularly blocking traffic on water street to double park, including the owners and managers of the establishment
- daily morning trash , red cups and glass bottles left outside of the establishment on the sidewalks up and down the block and in door entry's of many buildings on the block
- patrons urinating in the alleyways after leaving the bar frequently at the back entrances of our building
- constant abuse and use of our residents private parking by patrons and employees of the establishment causing confrontation that has escalated to threats of violence and personal injury

Direct requests have been made to the owner(s) and management by myself, our representatives and staff and our residents to lower the volume of music, keep the garage door facing water street closed , move speakers, install noise cancelling insulation , respect our request not to park on our property and clean up the trash and overflow of their business and their property .

We are needing residents to have the ability to live peacefully and feel safe in downtown Milwaukee.

The police have been called numerous times a month to address the ongoing safety risks and constant disturbances by the business , but operating practices and its patrons .

As the weather continues to get warmer the extent of the noise and disturbances are increasing to the degree that several of our residents are looking for alternate places to live.

One of our female residents was told that they had “better mind their business” when she asked some of the City Social Patrons not to block our entrance so she could leave our building, just yesterday evening as she attempted to walk from our property to the Public market around 7pm for dinner.

While water street has always been a blend of mixed use, and there have long been bars on the block, the blatant disregard the owners and managers of this business in particular has for its neighbors and the local residents living on Water st is flat out unacceptable .

We are requesting your assistance with a meaningful resolution to this matter, to aid in the desire we share with many others which is to support businesses who desire to IMPROVE the standard and quality of Milwaukee's Downtown Business District for local families, residents and tourists alike.

If you would be so kind to offer a reply to these issues and advise what you would propose to address these concerns, we would greatly appreciate it.

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From: License
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 10:15 AM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Subject: FW: Objection to Renewal of License

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Yadira,

Could you please add to the file?

Thank you!

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-----Original Message-----

From: motiya lopez <motiyalopez@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 11:12 PM
To: License <LICENSE@milwaukee.gov>
Cc: Hez Lopez <hezlopez@gmail.com>
Subject: Objection to Renewal of License

Good day

Please record my objection to the renewal of the licensure for City Social Bar and grille.

Thank you
Motiya
Sent from my iPhone

To the Members of the Milwaukee Common Council Licenses Committee:

I am writing as a concerned Milwaukee resident who lives directly next door to the club known as City Social Bar & Grill, operated by Corey Smith. I am urging you in the strongest possible terms not to renew this business's license.

Living next to City Social has become unbearable. The noise is out of control. The bass from the music is so intense it reverberates through my entire apartment—walls, floors, windows. I cannot sleep, relax, or enjoy time with my children. Even with every door and window closed, it feels like the club is operating in my living room. This is not the occasional inconvenience—it's a relentless violation of our right to peace and quiet in our own home.

The scene on the street is no better. Patrons yell, scream, and party late into the night. Cars speed up and down the block. The energy is not just loud—it's intimidating and aggressive. It is unsafe and unpredictable, and yet it happens regularly, right outside the windows of homes where children are trying to sleep.

Noise regularly begins as early as Sunday at noon, turning what should be a peaceful afternoon into another day of disruption. This makes it difficult to rest, spend time with family, or simply enjoy the weekend in our own home.

And yet, Mr. Smith behaves as if this neighborhood belongs to him. He has shown nothing but arrogance and disdain toward those of us who ask for consideration. He has every opportunity to encourage his patrons to respect the community—but he doesn't. Instead, he seems to encourage the opposite. He has made it clear that the discomfort and disruption he causes to others are not his concern.

To be clear: only one person in our community has dared to speak out publicly about these problems—and she has been relentlessly attacked for it. All she asked for was cooperation and compromise so that we could coexist peacefully. Instead, she has been mocked, harassed, and targeted—simply for asking for basic respect. Her experience has sent a chilling message to the rest of us: if you speak up, you will be next. This is why so many residents and nearby business owners, though deeply unhappy with City Social, remain silent. Mr. Smith has created a culture of fear.

This isn't just about one loud business. It's about a pattern of bullying, harassment, and unchecked disruption. It's about an owner who has shown again and again that he is unwilling to be a good neighbor—and who uses his license not as a privilege but as a shield to do as he pleases, no matter the cost to those around him.

Mother's Day this year was a perfect example. My children and I were trying to enjoy a quiet, special day. Instead, we were forced to endure pounding music and screaming from the street all day long. It was infuriating and demoralizing. What should have been a peaceful day with my kids was ruined by sheer disrespect and indifference.

I'm not asking for a quiet city. I'm asking for a livable one. A nightlife scene can exist alongside residential life—but only when business owners make an effort to coexist respectfully. Mr. Smith has made it abundantly clear he has no intention of doing that.

You have a choice. Do not renew this license. Do not reward a business that thrives by terrorizing its neighbors. Do not empower someone who bullies residents into silence. Milwaukee has a reputation for protecting its own—please stand by that. Restore peace to our neighborhood and take a step toward a more respectful, balanced, and livable city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A concerned neighbor who lives right next door