

138 South Marquette Street
Madison, WI 53704
May 27, 1993

Mr. William G. Bakken
Superintendent of Building Inspection
Madison Department of Planning
and Development
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a copy of the current noise ordinance of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

As shown on the second page of the ordinance, the maximum permitted decibel levels in Milwaukee's residential districts are 55 dB(A) during the day, and 45 dB(A) at night. A 5-dB(A) reduction from these levels is required where pure noise, like the constant piercing whine of machinery at Madison-Kipp Corporation, is produced.

Milwaukee's noise ordinance seems to be in line with the general limits and criteria incorporated in the other ordinances I have seen, including those enclosed in my April 30, 1993 letter to you.

The electronic whine from polishing machinery directly behind Madison-Kipp's open windows aligned with my back windows has now continued without respite, day and night and weekends, for a week, and, with only brief periods of respite, for about three months. The ongoing intake roar, whining machinery, shrill, roaring water-coolant tower, and open wall hole (for its ordered new standby generator) continue to prevent sleep and normal home life. The light glare has been somewhat reduced on this part of South Marquette Street, although it continues on the part of the street nearer the railroad tracks. The enclosed photographs, taken during the last several months, illustrate the sources of the noise (as well as of noxious emissions, glaring light, and fire hazards).

I am hopeful that something can be done to provide relief for us, both for our immediate life-invading noise problem and by means of a more effective and up-to-date noise ordinance. All city efforts directed to noise reduction and control and restoration of a peaceful residential environment to this and other residential areas of Madison are truly appreciated by those of us who have suffered from many nights of lost sleep and inability to enjoy our homes and property.

Sincerely,

Anne Chacon

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