



RNRA
RIVER NORTH
RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION

September 1, 2023

The Honorable Brandon Johnson, Mayor of Chicago
121 N LaSalle Street – 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: Illegal noise levels from motorcycles, trikes, and cars

Dear Mayor Johnson,

The River North Residents Association (RNRA) looks forward to meeting with you in the coming weeks as your schedule allows. As the organization representing more than 26,000 residents in the River North neighborhood our mission aligns with your commitment to continuing to improve quality of life in our city and looks forward to working in partnership to addressing issues affecting our neighborhood and the city.

We are writing to raise to your attention an immediate issue impacting our neighborhood and others in the city, one that we are hopeful may be addressed with expediency since it is already addressed by an existing ordinance. This issue is excessive noise emanating from some of the cars, motorcycles, and Slingshot (three-wheeled) trikes that frequent the area. The deafening sound from these vehicles is disturbing and disruptive for the residents, businesses, and visitors in the River North and surrounding areas. This noise comes in two forms, both of which violate the current ordinance - illegal enhanced mufflers and loud music from illegal sound systems.

We respectfully but urgently ask that your office and the Chicago Police Department work together to enforce the noise ordinance law already in place by ticketing violators. Section 8-32-070 of Municipal Code states, "No person on the public way shall employ any device or instrument that creates or amplifies sound that is louder than average conversation level at a distance of 100 feet or more, measured vertically or horizontally, from the source." These vehicles are clearly in violation.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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