



This letter is also being simultaneously forwarded to the following addressees:

The Mayor of the city of Bonn, Mr Sridharan,
The Chairman of Bonn Capitals, Mr Udo Schmitz
The Chairman of VEBOWAG, Dr. Michael Kleine- Hartlage,
The Public Order Office of the city of Bonn, Dezernat 1; Mr Wolfgang Fuchs
and the "Generalanzeiger" Bonn, Editor-in-Chief Mr Helge Matthiesen .

With it we would like to express our urgent request to each of the addressees to make an effort to remedy the current situation as soon as possible.

Bonn, 14.06.19

Unacceptable and extremely bothersome noise pollution due to drumming activities at the baseball facility in the Rheinaue

Dear Madam / Sir,

We would like to complain about the increasing and massive noise disturbance caused by the fans of the baseball facility – a disturbance, which, since last year, has been constantly on the rise.

Our particular concern is the permanent drumming by individual fans and the unbearable noise it produces. We had to put up with it yet again on Sunday, 26.05.19, from 12 pm to 7 pm, i.e. **for seven hours non-stop!**

The noise was so loud that it was no longer possible to have a normal conversation on the balcony without raising one's voice. Inside was no refuge either as even the closed windows offered no barrier to the trenchant, penetrating uproar.

It is obvious that we cannot count on enjoying a peaceful, relaxing Sunday any more - or at least a peaceful Sunday afternoon's rest.

On that Sunday, we called the Public Order Office numerous times and were re-assured that the situation would be taken care of. However, things remained unchanged.

Some of the neighbouring apartments and balconies of Europastraße and Martin-Luther-King-Str. are only 50 meters away from the baseball facility.

Some of us have been living here for a good 15 years and more. The baseball facility and its fans have never been a problem for us until now. Fans are welcome to cheer on their teams and celebrate their success with applause and enthusiasm. During play times, we even do not object to the rather disastrous parking situation for us residents, of which the public order office is well aware.

Residents at Europastraße
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However, the increasing use of drums, fanfares and similarly loud devices is definitely going too far! It is not only an extremely unpleasant noise disturbance but also a serious health risk since it is no longer possible to spend time undisturbed in one's very own apartment or to take a rest on the balcony during games.

We therefore urge you to do something about the impossible noise pollution, or rather - to put an end to it at once.

With regard to this we have the following suggestions:

- To observe the regulations of the Sports Facilities Noise Protection Ordinance namely: "...to take necessary measures in order to ensure that spectators do not use excessively noisy instruments such as pyrotechnic devices or compressed gas powered noise fanfares...".
- To immediately ban, as a rule, any noise-enhancing instruments and objects, in particular drums and fanfares. The ban is to be controlled and enforced by the respective game organisers.
- In addition, to put up permanent soundproofing installations.
- If possible, to create additional parking space (which would also ease the intolerable parking situation during all other events held in the Rheinaue) or to issue residents' parking passes.

Please let us know by the end of June at the latest:

- a) how you intend to reduce the noise pollution in the short term and
- b) how you will ensure a lasting solution to the situation in the medium term.

If our concern does not prompt any corrective measures on your part, we will be forced to take legal action to make ourselves heard.

We sincerely hope that you will understand the urgency of the issue and will help us at ones.

Faithfully yours

The residents of Europastraße, Amerikanische Siedlung, Bonn
(Signatures to be found on the following page)