

October 2015

PETITION FROM CONCORD'S CONCERNED CITIZENS:

Dear City Officials:

We, a group of tax paying citizens have drafted the petition below in regards to a public event that took place at 83 Pembroke Road, Concord NH from September 28, 2015 through October 5, 2015, celebrating a nine-day celebration. The issues and complaints pertaining to this event are stated herein.

(1). Zoning. This is a residential area and the lot that this event was held at/on is only .32 acres and abuts many homes. The event was deemed a religious ceremony which lasted 8 days and nights. The permit should never have been issued in such a small lot or-at a residential zoned area.

Solution: require such future large group events to be held in a public place especially zoned to handle the number of attendees.

(2) Permit. Any permit issued by the City of Concord should have to follow their own guidelines and protocol from application to issuance with no special exceptions. Once permit is issued and infractions are reported, if not immediately corrected, event should be shut down until corrections have been addressed.

(3). Noise ordinance- The City of Concord's noise ordinance currently states no excessive noise from the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. However, there should be an additional clause that if the police department receives numerous complaints about one particular event and the noise during the off hours, action will be taken to rectify the noise at any given time.

The noise factor during this 8 day and night event in a residential- zoned area was reported numerous times. It was constant for over 12 hours a day (with short recesses) and impacted a two-block neighborhood and because the noise occurred within the city noise ordinance acceptable range, no action could be taken by the police.

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(4). Violations of the city permit were pointed out, police showed up and violations were not corrected. When such violations of said permit are reported, it is due diligence that the police officer on call to cite the infractions and seek immediate correction of such safety issues and halt event until corrected.

Among the many safety issues reported during this specific event: parking on both sides of the road, parking on curve at times, dropping off and unloading; removing city signs so people can park; parking which totally blocked sidewalk

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(6) The impact on this neighborhood during the 8-day event:


Lack of consideration, excessive and non-stop noise; the number of over 60 and elderly neighbors impacted; the parking and road issues; the lack of communications between city officials and concerned residents, disregard for one's neighbors, police did not remedied noise situation when called, the lack of remedies to correct all health or safety infractions; residential area became an 8-day party zone.

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Photos will be attached to this document.

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Respectfully submitted,

 10/18/2015

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<u>Frank Taylor</u>	<u>58 Perley St. Concord</u>
<u>Michael J. [unclear]</u>	<u>3 Partridge Rd. Concord NH.</u>
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3 QUAY ST, CONCORD, NH

~~Large Chair  
Subtotal~~

3 Quay St Concord NH

28 Garmins Falls Rd Concord, NH

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## WE SIGNED: CONCORD'S NH CONCERNED CITIZENS

Name not displayed, NH

6 hours ago

Name not displayed, GA

7 hours ago

I will always consider myself a Concord resident, even though I now live in the South.

Name not displayed, NH

14 hours ago

Brenda Higgins, NH

18 hours ago

I am a lifetime resident and feel that an event permit for such an activity (i.e. 7-9 days-day & evening+50 people) should not be issued on such a small lot. This interferes with citizens' right to enjoyment of their property and disturbs the peace. Thank you.

[SEND](#)

Name not displayed, NH

18 hours ago

Thomas Ruddy, NH

18 hours ago

[SEND](#)

Name not displayed, NH

18 hours ago

The chanting could be heard at my house which is one street and 4 houses down. This was at 8:00 am on a Saturday. The hose running into the street and the cars parked on the sidewalk also a concern.

Carol Van Dyne, TX

18 hours ago

I am a prior resident of Concord, NH. I have lived on West St., St. Paul's School, owned a home on Rumford St, owned a home on Douglas Ave and as such paid taxes in the City of Concord, NH. I would have been very upset if I had to endure this week plus celebration, all day long. I would have been concerned of health violations and noise violations and the number of people attending. Their home/back yard was definitely not the proper place to hold this event; it should have been held in a private hall or civic area that could easily accommodate the event. Permits and codes should have been and should be in the future adhered to. I hope this complaint get the attention and resolution it deserves.

[SEND](#)

Heather Lurvey, NH

18 hours ago

[SEND](#)

Name not displayed, NH

18 hours ago

Loretta McAdams, NC

yesterday

I am certainly in agreement! Nothing about this event was handled correctly by the city. This is really a sad set of circumstances and I find it almost unbelievable that this whole mess could have taken place where it did in Concord, NH. We lived on a neighboring street for 22 years and never even dreamed something like this was possible. This was always a quiet neighborhood of caring people.

[SEND](#)

Name not displayed, NH

5 days ago

Paula Knight, NH

6 days ago

[SEND](#)

Ruth Ann Herbert, NH

6 days ago

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Jen S., IN

6 days ago

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Jennifer Blackman, NH

6 days ago

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James Zelonis, NH

6 days ago

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Janet Sprague, NH

6 days ago

[SEND](#)

Mary Tanguay, NH

6 days ago

We the people of the United States, ones that are born here, ones that are immigrants all have equal rights, but one persons rights should not infringe upon another.

[SEND](#)

Kyle Dymment, SC

6 days ago

[SEND](#)

Melanie comi, NH

6 days ago

no one should be allowed to be disruptive towards another in a residential neighborhood

[SEND](#)

Fred Walker, NH

6 days ago

[SEND](#)

Donald Saltmarsh, NH

6 days ago

[SEND](#)

Jackie Brochu, NH

7 days ago

[SEND](#)

Paul HATCH, NH

7 days ago

[SEND](#)

Kelly Lainey, NH

7 days ago

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Stephanie Milender, NH

7 days ago

[SEND](#)

Scott Beckwith, NH

7 days ago

[SEND](#)

Justin Robie, NH

7 days ago

I'm proud of my Mother for sticking up for my Grandmother and the Heights Community.



SEND

Sean Peterson, NH

7 days ago

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Kimberly Woodward, NH

7 days ago

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Gary Barton, NH

7 days ago

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Jeffrey Wells, NH

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tucker barton, NH

7 days ago

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Julie Peterson, NH

7 days ago

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Sandra Perry, NH

7 days ago

This kind of event should not be held in a residential area. The permit should never have been approved. It bothers me that with a weeklong issue of noise (only made worse by a PA system), parking issues, the safety of people driving or walking in the neighborhood, the number of people that attended the event, and many questionable sanitation issues, that the police were called (more than once I understand) and did nothing. There were definite violations of the permit. Just look at the pictures provided by Ms Robie and talk to the neighbors. If this had been a family event at my house on the South End, the police would have shut it down, and I would have been fined for being in violation. Last year I believe this event was held at the Heights Community Center with no issues. An event of this size for this length of time should be held in a place where it can be contained safely and effectively where as not to disturb others, where there is adequate parking, and removal of trash, and other waste will not be an issue. I want to add that I strongly agree with the statement that Mr Rick Blodgett made in his post. People coming to this country to live need to learn and live by our laws .... just as natural born citizens have to!

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Erica Zelonis, NH

7 days ago

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Name not displayed, NH

7 days ago

Rick Blodgett, NH

7 days ago

These issues need to be addressed if for no other reason than to make sure it doesn't happen again. These people need to learn that Laws have to be obeyed, whether Federal or Local Ordinances. If they want to be accepted they MUST learn it. It is obvious the Police didn't enforce ordinances as much as these people didn't obey the stipulations of their issued permit. Steps MUST be taken so this does not happen anywhere in the city again.

SEND

Kathryn Irby, MS

7 days ago

SEND

Kelly Walter, NH

7 days ago



Concord native

[SEND](#)

Ann Ash, PA

7 days ago

[SEND](#)

Faith Stevens, NH

7 days ago

Previously lived in Concord on Clinton St.

[SEND](#)

Name not displayed, NH

7 days ago

Keith Allberg, NH

7 days ago

[SEND](#)

Patricia Sisk, NH

7 days ago

One day would have been tolerable. That this neighborhood had to endure this for eight straight days is so unfair!

[SEND](#)

Kristin McAdams, MA

7 days ago

I am a former resident of 22 Dudley Drive, Concord, NH I am gravely concerned over the safety and health issues raised by this event due to family and friends who still live in the neighborhood. Please exercise care when issuing permits for alleged events like this and allow for revocation of issued permits should events get out of control/break ordinances such as this event did. Thank you. Kristin McAdams Formally of 22 Dudley Drive, Concord, NH from 1976-1999

[SEND](#)

Name not displayed, NH

7 days ago

Bridgett Beckwith, NH

7 days ago

The noise complaint was from a PA sound system echoing from a tent used as a temple from approximately 7 am - 9 or 9:30 pm daily.

[SEND](#)

Victoria Phelps, NH

7 days ago

I feel this issue needs to be addressed as this could impact any neighborhood in this city. I believe that everyone has a right BUT I do believe that there should be some stipulations that should be upheld as this can be a noise situation especially in a residential area. I for one am all about anyone's culture but please give respect to others that are around you. If we can all get along the better. I hope to see good results in the future with this situation and any others that come along but again we need uphold laws, etc. this city has and believe that any noise or other situation that occurs after a certain time, say nine pm, should go into play for the respect of everyone.

[SEND](#)

Richard Terrell, NH

7 days ago

[SEND](#)

Wayne Martel, NH

7 days ago

I am a business property owner in Concord

[SEND](#)

Tonya Abbott, NH

7 days ago

I currently moved, but sign the. Current petition from same experience last year when I was a Concord, NH resident myself.

SEND

Robin Allberg, NH

7 days ago

Own a home on Concord Heights and am a concerned taxpayer.

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Lynn Miller, NH

7 days ago

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Scott Tobin, NH

7 days ago

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Justin Leonard, NH

7 days ago

SEND

Ian Chisholm, VT

7 days ago

Formerly a resident of Concord for 37 years.

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Donna Robie, NH

7 days ago

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Donna, you took action on October 09, 2015

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*you can help by sharing*

## WE SIGNED: CONCORD'S NH CONCERNED CITIZENS

Ray Marier, TX

2 days ago

As a former Concord resident , I still have family there, I believe the actions of the family that held this 9 day religious function was completely out of line and disrespectful to the neighbors and the city of Concord.

SEND

John Farrelly, NH

3 days ago

What concerns me the most is while this event was going on NOBODY from the City took the time to show up and see what was taking place during the course of the event. It's not like it was held only on the weekend when City Hall was closed, it was a 9 day event.

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Paul Crevier, NH

3 days ago

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Jane Wescomb, NH

14 hours ago

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audrey wilson, NH

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