

Boone Council Hears the Sound

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The meeting room for the Boone Town Council has a legal limit of 99, and apparently it will not seat that many, as parties interested in the issue of the new noise ordinance for the town filled every seat, filled the isles, and spilled out the door. Business owners were there to hear how the town might deal differently with the issue of noise, backed up by a chorus of band members, bar patrons, and even early-arriving ASU students. Skip Sinanian of Boone Saloon quoted the noise ordinance from another college town—Athens Georgia—exempting the business area, describing noise as a part of the conduct of business. Hearing the cries of the crowd, Town Council Member Stephen Phillips moved for the suspension of enforcement of the current ordinance, that motion unanimously approved—then rescinded when council members were reminded by council that there would be no noise law enforced until November 1st under the motion, and it was replaced with one that gives business districts the ability to make noise pending that date—and to work on the ordinance with the council, who put a work session on their agenda—with business operators—for next month. Sinanian said was not surprised at the move.

