

Let the silence begin--or at least the limitation on noise. After tumultuous protests, impassioned pleas, and a lot of noise about, well, noise, a US District Court threw out a lawsuit by Char and the Boone Saloon over the new noise ordinance. The two had claimed free speech issues in filing the action against the new statute, but the town was informed at their council meeting last night that Judge Richard L. Voorhees dismissed the case on March 31. The town can now begin full enforcement of the ordinance.