



February 25, 2019

Mr. William Reynolds
City Administrator
Shakopee City Hall
485 Gorman Street
Shakopee, MN 55379

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the 2019 Twin Cities Summer Jam concert, scheduled for the weekend of July 18-July 20, 2019. Canterbury Park believes this event is a great addition to our city's strong reputation as the place to go for Big Fun in the Twin Cities. Additionally, we feel strongly that this annual, multi-day event will be a boon to many area businesses as well as an asset for local residents to enjoy.

As we discussed, the current Shakopee sound ordinance requires a reduction in decibel levels at 10:00 pm. In our concert planning process, we have learned that the 10:00 pm end time requirement is unusual among cities for events of this magnitude. By comparison, Prior Lake's very successful Lakefront Music Festival has an 11:00 pm decibel reduction. In order to make this event the most successful it can be for the community, fans and businesses, Canterbury Park is seeking a suspension of the enforcement of the current 10:00 pm ordinance or a permit/variance to operate the Twin Cities Summer Jam concert in 2019 until 11:00 pm during the event dates.

In the past, Canterbury Park has held concerts in some of our large paved parking areas that are closer to some of our residential neighbors. This event, however, will be held in the infield of our race track. This location will allow our main building to serve as a buffer between the music stage and our nearest residential neighbors to the east. As for our neighbors to the south, the stage orientation will be located in such a way that the sound will be projected away from those properties. Our contractual relationship with the concert promoter also requires that they and all performers comply with the City's performance hour requirements. We feel that our concert series will have far less impact on our neighbors than similar area events, including the Lakefront Music Festival.

In advance of this request, we met with Police Chief Tate to discuss whether his department had concerns about this request. He indicated to us that he understands the need for this type of event to go beyond 10:00 pm, and that it is the norm in other communities that host similar events. He also indicated that he had no opposition to our request for city action that would allow the event to end prior to 11:00 pm. Likewise, the planning department has expressed no concerns with this request.

While we anticipate this festival will be an annual event for our community, at this time, we are only asking for this accommodation for 2019. We firmly believe in this first year we can demonstrate to the City that an 11:00 pm concert end time is a reasonable accommodation. We would then bring this matter back to the City for future discussion about concert hours.

To help in your consideration of this request, we have enclosed the following:

1. A site plan depicting the planned location of the music stage and its relation to the Canterbury Park buildings.
2. A map showing the approximate linear distances between the music stage and our nearest residential neighbors in each direction.
3. An outline of the proposed start and end times for each day of the 2019 Twin Cities Summer Jam concert.

We appreciate the City's consideration of this request. Canterbury Park has always taken great pride in being a good corporate citizen and in having a strong partnership with the City. We hope to continue that strong partnership while also expanding our entertainment catalogue.

If there is additional information you require as you consider this request, please let me know and we will happily provide what we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy S", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randy Sampson
President, Canterbury Park

Twin Cities Summer Jam Proposed Music Schedule

Thursday, July 18, 2019

- Gates – 2:00 PM
- Mainstage Music – 4:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Friday, July 19, 2019

- Gates – 1:00 PM
- Mainstage Music – 3:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Saturday, July 20, 2019

- Gates – 1:00 PM
- Mainstage Music – 3:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Stage Configuration and Distance to Nearest Residential

