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Hello and thanks for your time today.

I'm writing in regards to the resolution up this Monday evening regarding requiring a permit for amplified music in public parks. I am opposed to this resolution and urge you to contest it however possible.

I'm a resident of Missoula living in Ward 6. The ability for people to play music in our city parks is a beautiful expression of freedom. It sets us apart from other cities and ensures that there is always the possibility for something new, safe, and entertaining in the park. For me, this entices me to come out to the park more often! If people want peace and quiet, there are MANY places in Montana to find that, a bustling downtown city park is not one of them. We want our kids to be out dancing!!

Please, keep the freedom of expression alive in Missoula's parks. The music drives away troublemakers and shows tourists that we are a diverse town that champions personal freedoms. That is what I have always loved about Missoula. Please do not make the process of playing music more difficult - the world needs more music!!! Montanan's are facing mental health crises in record numbers, especially our young people. When I see folks dancing at the park there are always teenagers present. Where would you rather have your kids? In the park dancing with their friends seems about as good as it gets. Downtown should be a lively place. We need every opportunity we can get to experience joy.

Please work to preserve Missoula's quirks and remember that they are what makes us such a happy town - a town that other people want to come and spend their money in. Do not make us more like "other cities" or our specialness will fade away. Let the music play.

Thank you for your time.

- Rebecca Ramos