

# Portland International Raceway

City Noise complaints on PIR

And

The use of three sound measurement locations to monitor environmental sound levels  
and collect environmental data

**DATA Addendum to a Power Point presentation**



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# NOISE OFFICE TRACK-IT & Email TALLIES

- TRACK-ITs ( Online forms and Calls)

EMAIL

2018 = 23 total

2018=30

2019 = 15 total

2019=18

2021 = 33 total

2021=90

# Data / Spreadsheets for review

(12 pages)

# 2018 and 2019 Phone LOG Complaints to Noise Office

Date	Time	Block Reporting Noise	Complaint	Source
04/02/2018	10:37 AM		Caller had received card in the mail from PIR and wants to know the health effects on himself regarding increase in dBA at PIR	Train horn and nothing else
04/16/2018	2:38 PM		Request information about PIR; such as if written comments were accepted by NRB and how many were submitted.	No trigger at Kenton, all levels below 60 dBA from 2pm to 3pm, only events were dogs and a train horn
05/05/2018	4:31 PM	8800 BLOCK N Woolsey Ave	Also sent an email about noise from PIR.	There was a loud car with a stereo and lots of bass, no PIR noise notable
05/19/2018	2:26 PM	8800 BLOCK N Olvey	Noise at PIR is really loud today	Loud trucks (local) slamming doors, cars audible but not the trigger, below 65 dBA.
05/20/2018	10:17 AM		Loud noise from PIR at 9:50 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	PIR race (please check dates, this was a race weekend) SCCA Super Tour - Was this complaint just "loud" or was there doc backing up overage?
05/24/2018	9:15 PM	8800 BLOCK N Woolsey Ave	PIR is annoyingly loud tonight	No PIR related triggers after 8:00pm or so, dogs, train, box trucks and other noise sources
07/28/2018	3:13 PM	Kenton Neighborhood	Portland International Raceway - very loud, louder than normal this weekend	Event Weekend? Clearly a race with levels over 65 - Vintage SVRA One of our variance weekends EVERY YEAR

# 2018 and 2019 Phone LOG Complaints to Noise Office (page 2)

Date	Time	Block Reporting Noise	Complaint	Source
08/31/2018	11:14 AM	6900 BLOCK N Greenwich	Loud noise from PIR that can be heard at Arbor Lodge neighborhood	Indy Cars - <b>Main Variance weekend</b>
08/31/2018	3:24 PM		Loud noise from PIR, which NNC could hear in the background	
08/31/2018	1:33 PM		Loud noise from PIR; message was blurry / garbled, so difficult to decipher some words	
08/31/2018	5:23 PM	2800 BLOCK N Kilpatrick	PIR, called this morning, it's 5:20 pm and the cars are still racing	
05/11/2018	12:10 PM	3200 BLOCK N Halleck	Loud vehicle noise at PIR right now at the time of call.	The only noise source at 12:05 to 12:20 was a train horn at 12:10
05/11/2018	2:33 PM	6600 BLOCK N Atlantic	Loud vehicle noise at PIR right now at the time of call.	Horn noise also from 2:30 to 2:35 - no PIR noise
<b>13 Total For 2018</b>				
04/26/2019	3:24 PM	8700 BLOCK N Delaware	Loud noise from PIR	Cars and birds audible, some cars may be over 65, but with the birds it is hard to tell - <b>OMRRA</b>
04/27/2019	11:17 AM	8700 BLOCK N Delaware	Loud noise from PIR	Cars and birds combine to make 65.4 dBA Lmax - <b>OMRRA</b>
<b>2 Total for 2019</b>				<b>NOTE: These source notes were checked with Kenton Meter data by the Michael Minor and Associates / Acoustical Consultant for Portland Parks/ PIR</b>

# 2018 and 2019 Online Track-Its to Noise Office

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Date	Time	Block Reporting Noise	Complaint	Source
5/5/2018	4:35 p.m.		Loud noise at PIR	Loud car stereo, heavy bass
5/19/2018	10:00 a.m.	3100 BLOCK N Halleck St.	Loud noise at PIR on May 19, 2018	PIR race (please check dates, this was a race weekend) <b>SCCA Super Tour - Was this a general noise or actual back up to going over? - No spike recorded</b>
5/20/2018	10:24 a.m.	3101 BLOCK N Halleck St.	Loud noise at PIR on May 20, 2018	PIR race (please check dates, this was a race weekend) <b>SCCA Super Tour - Was this a general noise or actual back up to going over? - No spike recorded</b>
6/25/2018	2:02 p.m.	2400 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on June 25, 2018	Loud vehicle - but don't think it was PIR, could b a local motor cycle - check calendar to see if there were activities - <b>Motocorsa - was logged and bikes went over. They were removed and this event was not allowed on a Monday for future bookings</b>
7/20/2018	1:25 p.m.	2401 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on July 20, 2018	The exceedance at this time was from a wood chipper, or other gas operated equipment very near the mic.
7/21/2018	4:03 p.m.	2402 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on July 21, 2018	Racing at PIR was near or above 65 dBA, race weekend? - <b>OMRRA Race weekend</b>
8/3/2018	5:53 p.m.	2403 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on August 3, 2018	Kids playing near mic, or maybe a strange bird, no traffic noise - <b>Indy Test Day - Varianced/contracted</b>
8/19/2018	2:57 p.m.	2404 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on August 19, 2018	Race at PIR - 65 to 67 Lmax + wind/bird noise - <b>Cascade Dash for Kids</b>
8/31/2018	11:27 a.m.	3700 BLOCK N Argyle	Loud noise at PIR on August 31, 2018	Indy Cars - 2018 - <b>Main Varianced Race</b>
9/2/2018	9:29 p.m.	2700 BLOCK N Halleck St.	Loud noise at PIR on August 31, September 1-2, 2018	
10 Total for 2018				<b>NOTE: These source notes were checked with Kenton Meter data by the Michael Minor and Associates / Acoustical Consultant for Portland Parks/ PIR</b>

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Date	Time	Block Reporting Noise	Complaint	Source
4/17/2019	9:26 p.m.	None reported	General email about noise at PIR	No trigger in Kenton - loud truck at 9:50pm - <b>Not enough data reported, Drag racing</b>
4/28/2019	3:27 p.m.	2300 BLOCK N Terry St.	General email about noise at PIR	There was a steady noise at the Kenton meter from 2:10 to 2:35 pm - like a vacuum - could hear cars at PIR sometimes, but the kids playing and other local noise sources were dominate - <b>OMRRA</b>
5/4/2019	9:15 a.m.	8600 BLOCK N Woolsey	Loud noise at PIR on May 4, 2019	Could hear some cars form PIR, and some noise levels are over 65, however there was a constant bird chirping that was louder then the cars. Event Weekend maybe? Also, there was some local neighborhood noise, moving garbage cans maybe - <b>Cascade Sports Car Race</b>
6/2/2019	10:21 a.m.	2400 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on June 2, 2019	Cars were noticeable, maybe an event weekend, some peaks over 65, normally with more then one source. <b>Motocorsa</b>
6/22/2019	9:50 a.m.	2400 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on June 22, 2019	Car at PIR, but the exceedance at this time period was due to freight train horns. <b>OMRRA</b>
7/25/2019	9:33 a.m.	2400 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on July 25, 2019 - <b>SVRA VARIANCED</b>	There were cars at PIR, but it is hard to tell if they are the cause as there are also many crows, and a group playing basket ball. Was this an evet weekend? There may be one car at PIR that was louder then the others.
7/25/2019	9:38 a.m.	8700 BLOCK N Seward	Loud noise at PIR on July 25, 2019 - <b>SVRA VARIANCED</b>	There were cars at PIR, but it is hard to tell if they are the cause as there are also many crows, and a group playing basket ball. Was this an evet weekend? There may be one car at PIR that was louder then the others.
7/25/2019	9:59 a.m.	2400 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on July 25, 2019 - <b>SVRA VARIANCED</b>	There were cars at PIR, but it is hard to tell if they are the cause as there are also many crows, and a group playing basket ball. Was this an evet weekend? There may be one car at PIR that was louder then the others.

# 2019 Online Track-Its to Noise Office

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Date	Time	Block Reporting Noise	Complaint	Source
8/7/2019	10:33 a.m.	2400 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Email to Kenya Williams - <b>INDY Test Varianced/contract</b>	There were cars on track, but they were within the limits, horn honk and other noise sources also recorded
8/8/2019	10:52 a.m.	2400 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on August 8, 2019	PIR cars and birds maxims 66.5 and 65.5 - <b>Pro Drive Track Day</b>
8/9/2019	9:57 a.m.	2400 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on August 9, 2019	PIR cars, train horn PIR under 65. - <b>SCCA Triple Vintage</b>
8/18/2019	3:47 a.m.	2400 BLOCK N Schofield St.	Loud noise at PIR on August 18, 2019	NO DATA AVAILBE - <b>Cascade Dash for Kids - No spike in data recorded</b>
8/29/2019	9:53 a.m.	Vanccouver WA	Loud noise at PIR on August 29, 2019	NO DATA AVAILBE - <b>INDY TEST DAY - VARIANCED/Contracted</b>
<b>13 Total for 2019</b>				

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# 2021 TRACK IT COMPLAINTS

## Electronic Dance Music Concert April 16 and 17 2021

- **16 complaints for the weekend from 15 separate individuals for Treadway Events concert weekend.**
- Consistent Complaint of excessive bass heard in new areas the City that have not been regularly receiving auto racing complaints from PIR
- Event promoter had more dates planned at PIR, but the record of complaints meant that PIR management did not allow more EDM events from the promoter.



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7/17/2021	9 AM to 4 PM	8800 N Peninsular Ave	2077318	I'm keeping track by emailing them when the noise is out of hand. But it has been out of hand for over a week now. They won't answer any of my questions. I don't understand how this is acceptable.	OMRRA Motorcycle Racing
7/23/2021	All Day	2500 N Halleck St	2081736	Their website is down but personal decibel meter suggests peaks of 80. I can't call anyone at the city to prove it because none of the city's published phone numbers work.	SVRA - Varianced Event
9/10/2021	9 AM to 4 PM	3400 N Halleck St	2118679	the volume of the car noise that comes from PIR every Friday morning is like clock work. It goes on every weekend, but starts friday morning.	IndyCar - Varianced Event
9/12/2021	ongoing	6800 N Congress Ave	2120182	Residents in Kenton and beyond live a lower quality of life trying to function through the rev of engines	IndyCar - Varianced Event
9/12/2021	ongoing	6800 N Congress Ave	2120183	Residents in Kenton and beyond live a lower quality of life trying to function through the rev of engines	IndyCar - Varianced Event
9/14/2021	Sat 6:02PM/ Sun 1:30PM	8800 N Woolsey Ave	2122449	Windows were all shut and could still hear the noises coming from PIR. On Sunday, Mary was taking a nap and PIR noises woke her up. Times vary, also depend on the type events. These particular times they were extremely bad.	Pro Drive School
9/16/2021		2100 N Winchell St	2124022		Pro Drive School

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DATE	TIME	Block Reporting Noise	TRACK-IT	DESCRIPTION	EVENT AT TRACK
4/30/2021	9:00 AM	8700 N Seward Ct	2026347	Caller says that they can hear tires, engine, backfiring from racecars. Wednesdays, thursdays, friday, and saturday From march to october are when the noises occur.	Cascade Sports Car Club School
5/14/2021	1 or 1:30 PM	8700 N Curtis Ave	2037046	Caller says that the cars going around the track are really loud and you can hear it from their home. Caller says that many times that PIR has any type of event they can hear it very clear from their home (which sits on a hill)	Pro Drive Test Day
5/14/2021	9:00 AM	8800 N Peninsular Ave	2037181	Portland International Raceway is going over dB limit. It is so loud, it is affecting my quality of life and the wildlife. I have lived here since 2013 and I'm just so tired of the sound practically every and all weekend. It's time for a new sound study. Sam Adams' 2006 Noise Study is a joke and an insult. It's 2021 - cars don't have to be loud. Some cars make no noise at all...	Pro Drive Test Day
6/18/2021	9 AM to 9 PM	8700 N Seward Ct	2060225	No specific details offered	Cascade Sports Car Club School & Late Night Drags
6/19/2021	9 AM to 9 PM	8700 N Seward Ct	2060662	No specific details offered	Cascade SCC & Late Night Drags
6/20/2021	9 AM to 9 PM	8700 N Seward Ct	2060883	No specific details offered	Cascade SCC
6/20/2021	9 AM to 9 PM	8700 N Seward Ct	2060884	No specific details offered	Cascade SCC
6/20/2021	9 AM to 9 PM	8700 N Seward Ct	2060885	No specific details offered	Cascade SCC

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9/16/2021	10 am to 6PM Weekends Only	8500 N Foss	2124056	PIR is being really loud. Caller says that this is the loudest it has ever been. Don't really report it, but this weekend was pretty bad, you normally hear them every weekends with occasional Fridays. Normally during the day, hasn't noticed going past 6PM.	Pro Drive School
10/18/2021	Afternoon to 8 PM	8500 N Foss Ave	2146540	Caller left 7 angry messages regarding PIR noise. They stated it was louder than it has ever been.	Clark County Sheriff EVOC Training - There is absolutely NO way this spiked any meters. The EVOC training is all police training vehicles that are doing a 2 car chase through cones.

- **17 complaints from 11 separate individuals**

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Emails received from one person about PIR			
Date of email	Time of email	Date of PIR Noise	Subject of email if not specifically about noise from PIR event
4/2/2018	5:41 p.m.		General email not to approve Noise Variances for PIR in 2018
4/18/2018	5:35 p.m.	4/18/2018	
5/2/2018	5:36 p.m.	5/2/2018	
5/11/2018	1:15 p.m.	5/11/2018	
5/11/2018	3:09 p.m.	5/11/2018	
5/11/2018	4:11 p.m.	5/11/2018	
5/13/2018	12:50 p.m.	5/13/2018	
5/14/2018	10:14 a.m.	5/14/2018	
5/16/2018	10:16 p.m.	5/16/2018	
5/18/2018	1:59 p.m.	5/18/2018	
5/19/2018	9:16 a.m.	5/19/2018	
5/25/2018	2:51 p.m.		Sent screenshots of community comments about PIR
6/3/2018	3:09 p.m.	6/3/2018	
6/15/2018	6:40 p.m.	6/15/2018	
6/25/2018	1:44 p.m.	6/25/2018	
7/3/2018	10:41 a.m.	7/3/2018	
7/4/2018	11:04 a.m.	7/4/2018	
7/4/2018	1:03 p.m.	7/4/2018	
7/8/2018	9:53 a.m.	7/8/2018	Sent screenshot of Lucky Dog Racing event
7/12/2018	10:19 a.m.	7/12/2018	
7/21/2018	9:44 a.m.	7/21/2018	
7/22/2018	9:07 a.m.	7/22/2018	
7/27/2018	11:41 a.m.	7/27/2018	
7/30/2018	11:19 a.m.		Sent screenshot of a community comment
7/30/2018	4:19 p.m.	8/3/2018	

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Emails received from one person about PIR			
Date of email	Time of email	Date of PIR Noise	Subject of email if not specifically about noise from PIR event
8/18/2018	5:02 p.m.	8/18/2018	
8/30/2018	4:44 p.m.	8/30/2018	
8/30/2018	5:56 p.m.	8/30/2018	8/3/2018
8/31/2018	4:00 p.m.	8/31/2018	
9/5/2018	2:31 p.m.		
2/4/2019	11:17 a.m.		Sent screenshots of community comments about Indycar Race at PIR
3/20/2019	5:54 p.m.	3/20/2019	Email about noise at downtown 7-11 in comparison to PIR
5/4/2019	12:38 p.m.	5/4/2019	
5/5/2019	2:48 p.m.	5/5/2019	
5/18/2019	2:37 p.m.	5/18/2019	
6/21/2019	4:29 p.m.	6/21/2019	email addressed to another community member with CC to Noise Office
6/22/2019	9:53 a.m.	6/22/2019	
6/22/2019	10:42 a.m.	6/22/2019	
6/30/2019	2:47 p.m.	6/30/2019	
7/12/2019	9:34 a.m.	7/12/2019	
7/25/2019	9:33 a.m.	7/25/2019	
8/7/2019	1:00 p.m.		
8/24/2019	2:37 p.m.	8/24/2019	emailed photo of an airport noise tracking device used in Southern California
8/24/2019	2:39 p.m.	8/24/2019	
8/25/2019	10:22 a.m.	8/25/2019	
8/30/2019	6:29 p.m.	8/30/2019	
10/26/2019	12:55 p.m.	10/26/2019	
10/26/2019	7:02 p.m.	10/26/2019	
			emailed screenshot of Howl-O-Ween event at PIR

# 2021 Email complaints to Noise Officer

<u>Date of email</u>	<u>Time of email</u>	<u>Subject of email if not specifically about noise from PIR event</u>	<u>EVENT at Race Track</u>
April 19 2021	12:55 PM	Kenton is hearing a bass thumping EDM concert and late night drags but the meter in Kenton is down	TREADWAY EVENTS EDM Concert and Saturday Late Night Drags
July 15 2021	9:09 AM	Community member reports they are loud but PIR web site with community meter is down	BMW Club (Street legal cars)
July 19 2021	10:53 AM	PIR's website has been down for over a week. This is completely unacceptable and the track should not operate until the website is back up and fully functional.	Pro-drive racing school ( Street legal cars)
July 22 2021	9:43 AM and 10:29 AM	Their website is still down. They should never be allowed to race without a functioning website that shows the noise monitors, yet they are. This city continues to let Kenton residents down. What a shame. I have let this concern be known to Maximo. The lack of transparency from PIR and the city is disheartening.	SVRA VARIANCED 112 dBA
July 28 2021	12:32 PM	Indy Car will be testing on Friday per their variance. No variance of any sort should be in effect until the website is fully functional. The Parks Bureau/ PIR website debacle shines poorly on the city and the track.	WEDNESDAY DAYTIME NO RACING HAPPENING UNTIL WEEKEND
July 30 2021	9:22 AM	20 minutes in and already see some high numbers. What's the point of having a noise monitor if no one from your office looks at it?	INDY CARS VARIANCED DATE 115 dBA
September 9 2021	5:36 PM	A comment on trackside vs off site measurements	INDY CARS VARIANCED DATE 115 dBA
September 15 2021	1:22 PM	Another comment on trackside vs off site measurements/ Screen captures	WEDNESDAY Ron Tonkin GT ( Street Legal Cars )
November 1 2021	10:49 AM	The neighborhood noise monitor is still down this morning and has been since Friday. There was also an "enduro" race all weekend at PIR without access to the neighborhood noise monitor. This seems to be an ongoing issue and needs to be addressed before the 2022 race season.	Lucky Dog Racing Cars over the weekend, Complaint was on Monday