



**National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society**

April 28, 2021

Chief Brian Podany
10801 Town Square Drive Northeast
Blaine, MN 55449

Dear Chief Podany,

Every June thousands of cyclists gather to fundraise money and ride in Bike MS: MS 150, now celebrating its 41st year supporting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Because of COVID-19 and out of utmost caution for our riders, volunteers, staff, and vendors, we have moved this ride from its typical two-day, 150-mile format to a one-day, 70+ mile event on Saturday, June 12, 2021. With this change we also needed to identify a new Start/Finish location and have recently returned to a previous partnership with the National Sports Center in Blaine.

As you can imagine, making a change this substantial less than 90 days from the event has been difficult, but we are committed to moving the 2021 ride forward. We are writing to you today to petition for a waiver concerning the required 60 percent written approval from neighbors regarding the amplified sound and noise permit from the City. Technically our event footprint is longer than three city blocks, making it difficult to obtain all those signatures, especially in a condensed timeframe. The DJ we work with is very professional, flexible, and committed to ensuring a successful event for the National MS Society, which includes falling under specific guidelines from the local municipalities. Should issues or concerns arise day-of, we are committed to working through them to make certain all parties are comfortable and happy, including worries about noise.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. I can be reached directly at (262) 369-4435 or jamie.blood@nmss.org. We appreciate the partnership with the City of Blaine and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Much appreciation,

Jamie Blood

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