



HAMILTON COUNTY  
**HEALTH**  
DEPARTMENT

Charles Harris, MD-Health Officer

February 27, 2025

Noblesville Planning and Development  
16 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite B140  
Noblesville, IN 46060

Re: # BZNA-000004-2025, Proposed rodeo at 2700 Cicero Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 Property Owner: Jose Romo

Board of Zoning Appeals:

The Hamilton County Health Department (HCHD) has received notification of an application for a Land Use Variance to hold rodeo(s) at the above referenced address. This letter is being written in objection to the approval of the request by Mr. Romo.

Our objections are as follows:

1. The HCHD has received and investigated food related complaints regarding the rodeo(s) previously held by Mr. Romo at the referenced address. Complaints received are as follows:
  - a. Food sold to customers without permits and inspection from the HCHD.
    - i. Multiple foodborne illness complaints were received after customers consumed food at the rodeo on September 8, 2023 and became ill after the event.
  - b. After seeking compliance with Mr. Romo to have food vendors apply for permits in the requested timeframe (3-30 days prior to the event), he failed to do so, making application 1-2 days prior to the event. This shortened timeframe does not allow for the number of food vendors to be properly contacted to ensure food served is from an approved source (not made in a home kitchen).
2. The HCHD has received complaints stating restrooms and handwashing facilities are not available for attendees. The house is served by a private onsite sewage system and well which is approved for residential use, not approved for commercial use.
3. The HCHD has received complaints reporting trash left from the rodeo after the events. Complaints include the burning of trash and dead animal carcasses. The complaint was investigated with Hamilton County Animal Control and was confirmed to be true. At which time the complaint was forwarded to the Board of Animal Health (BOAH), resulting in a failure to comply letter issued from BOAH.
4. The HCHD has concerns over the site location of the Rodeo and parking on the property. The onsite sewage system (OSS) is located directly next to the rodeo location. Vehicular traffic over the OSS can be detrimental to the function of the system.

**The Hamilton County Health Department does not support the approval of the application of the Land Use Variance.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Jason LeMaster  
Administrator  
Hamilton County Health Department

Cc: Hamilton County Board of Commissioners  
Connor Sullivan, County Attorney, Hamilton County Legal Department

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**BZNA-000004-2025 zoning appeal**

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**From** Megan Hazelrigg <meghazelrigg@gmail.com>

**Date** Fri 2/28/2025 7:25 AM

**To** Amy Steffens <asteffens@noblesville.in.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

I received a flyer notice of public hearing on my doorstep this week. It was not sent certified mail, which to my knowledge is the proper notice procedure. It is in regards to a zoning appeal for the property at 2700 Cicero Road. The application number is BZNA-000004-2025 to rezone residential for commercial use for rodeos. I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday March 3rd at 6pm due to work but wanted my opposition included in the record.

I would like to express my STRONG OPPOSITION to the board.

We live at 2090 Cicero Road and have experienced the property owners use of their residential land as rodeos in the past. In past experiences, we have had to call authorities multiple times due to noise and potential gunfire. In the past, cars have been parked on State Road 19 during said rodeos causing traffic obstruction and distraction to drivers traveling a speed limit of 50 miles per hour.

I have an eye witness that attended one rodeo. She stated they charged \$20 for car entry. They were distributing food and alcohol (with no identification checks or law enforcement present to do so). The property was being secured by NON-LAW enforcement persons walking the property with machine guns.

We have also experienced issues from the same property relating to animals getting free from poorly maintained fencing. I have a photo of the current fence condition and experiences that I am happy to share if you would find it useful. Last year, we had 5 long horned steer walk across our driveway because they had escaped from the property of 2700 Cicero Road. Again, photo available.

I know I speak for neighbors who have shared these and other experiences of disturbances related to animals and rodeos coming from 2700 Cicero Road. We do NOT want nor think rezoning for use of that property would be a safe decision for our growing neighborhood of Cicero Road.

We recently gained a new neighbor to our immediate south and will also gain new (young and growing) families just south of 2700 Cicero Road if we can maintain a safe neighborhood atmosphere. It is my opinion that growing families and single home zoning will promote a more appealing Noblesville city and township.

Thank you for your time,

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## Possible Rodeo

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**From** Chad Hazelrigg <indykissfan@yahoo.com>

**Date** Fri 2/28/2025 10:27 AM

**To** Amy Steffens <asteffens@noblesville.in.gov>

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Hello Amy and Board of Zoning Appeals!

I am writing with extreme concern regarding a notice that was placed on my front door 3 days ago. It appears my neighbor at 2700 Cicero Road is hoping to create a permanent rodeo on his property. I am writing to voice my opinion that a permanent rodeo at 2700 Cicero Road is a terrible idea for the neighborhood, city and county.

My family and I live at 2090 Cicero Road. We have had to put up with "rodeos" at said property for several years now. I live almost one mile from these parties and while their music is playing, I am unable to have a normal conversation INSIDE my own home! I know the county sheriff's office has been called on their noise levels several times. This usually results in the volume being turned down for a few minutes, but then it gets turned right back up again.

I'm also concerned about the livestock on said property. I've never been so surprised in my life to encounter real life Texas longhorn steer on MY personal driveway 2 years ago. Several of these beasts escaped their "rodeo" confines and headed south. I would imagine these animals could do a lot of damage to properties and people! Also, I'm not sure how the rodeo owners plan to manage all of the waste their animals produce. I cannot imagine this is good for the environment and surrounding wetlands.

Parking is another concern of mine. Oftentimes, "rodeo" patrons park along State Road 19 creating all kinds of traffic and safety issues. I know hundreds of people attend these parties, and it seems there is inadequate parking at 2700 Cicero Road.

I am aware that the property owner applied for and (somehow) received a temporary rodeo permit in the past. The owner NEVER complied with the rules spelled out on these permits. Thus, I cannot imagine he will comply with a permanent permit! Also, who would enforce the rules on the new permit?

I believe rodeos belong in an arena or stadium, NOT in a quiet residential neighborhood. I certainly hope the board agrees with me.

In summary, I believe a permanent rodeo at 2700 Cicero Road would be a public health issue that doesn't reflect the morals, safety and general welfare of our community. PLEASE do not allow this to happen!

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

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## Proposed Rodeo zoning change

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From Keith Sharples <keith@ininsuranceadvisors.com>

Date Fri 2/28/2025 9:36 PM

To Amy Steffens <asteffens@noblesville.in.gov>

Cc Keith Sharples <keith@ininsuranceadvisors.com>

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To the Board of Zoning Appeals,

My name is Colonel (retired) Keith Sharples, and my family and I reside at 2350 Cicero Rd, Noblesville. I am a longtime Noblesville resident, and I live about 500 meters south of the field upon which the Romos are requesting to hold 'rodeos' in the future.

First, let's be clear about what they are asking. To me, a rodeo implies contests of skill between cowboys. What they are really requesting is to hold large, fee for entry parties. From the level of sophistication, I assume these are run by professional entertainment companies and are probably selling and serving alcohol to their guests. They advertise these 'rodeos' on the internet and attract parties from all over central Indiana.

Over the last few years, the Romos have held many of these events, much to their neighbors' dismay. First, there is the music which is played on a sound system that is so loud it makes it impossible to enjoy our outside areas. If we retreat indoors, we can hear the music through the walls of our home. It is ridiculously and selfishly loud. I live half a kilometer away and I cannot imagine what it must be like to be one of their next-door neighbors.

Another challenge is the traffic. My estimate is that these events attract a couple hundred people, and all the traffic pours in and out of their driveway onto State Road 19. This congests traffic on a major north south public artery as carloads enter and depart.

I can not imagine how negatively this affects our property values. I wouldn't want to live near to this incredibly loud neighbor if I were looking at homes in Noblesville. The Romos have caused me to reconsider living here myself. I built my home here in the country 20 years ago to avoid such obnoxiously loud neighbors and enjoy privacy and peace and quiet. I believe that this is not an unreasonable expectation.

I understand that the purpose of the zoning commission is to promote the appropriate use of land. The area in question is, of course, zoned residential. As a fellow resident, I would ask you to deny their request for permission to hold these 'rodeos'. It is an inappropriate commercial activity in a residential area and an unreasonable burden on their neighbors. Perhaps you have forgotten, but over the last few years the Romos requested and received permission from your office to hold these large, loud parties. Due to the large number of complaints, your office, thankfully stopped issuing them permits. Their current request is

just an attempt to circumvent your office's refusal to issue permits by attacking it from another direction.

I know my personal situation doesn't matter, but I am a retired veteran of the US Army with 26 years of service. More than half of that was on active duty, including a year in Afghanistan and a year in Iraq both after 911 as an infantry officer. I have a 30% disability for PTSD/anxiety from the VA. Believe me when I say that the music is so loud at my home that I experienced panic attacks and flashbacks because of it. No one wants this type of loud, inconsiderate neighbor.

Again, I respectfully ask that you deny their request. It is ridiculous for them to hold a large, loud, commercial event like this in a residential area. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

KS

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