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To: Eileen Donoghue  
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*Re  
9/14/2021  
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From: Raymond Kelly Richardson  
Superintendent of Police

Date: September 13, 2021

Re: City Council Motion Response

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**Councilor Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have LPD Provide Report Regarding Enforcement Of Noise Ordinance On "Low Riding" Vehicles In The City**

The Lowell Police Department conducts Traffic Enforcement on a daily basis. The Patrol Division performs Traffic Enforcement as part of their daily patrols. The Traffic Unit and the Specialized Traffic Enforcement Patrol also engage in Traffic Enforcement, often concentrating on specific issues in specific areas.

The enforcement of the Noise Ordinance falls under MGL chapter 90 section 16. This statute covers "Harsh, Unnecessary or Objectionable Noise" and "Nonexistent or Altered Mufflers". The penalty for this infraction is a \$55 fine.

During the time frame from January 1, 2021 to September 13, 2021, the LPD has issued a total of 7,661 citations, including 29 for MGL chapter 90 section 16. It should be noted that for the same period of time in 2019, pre-pandemic, the LPD had issued 13,342 citations including 87 for MGL chapter 90 section 16.