

Jaycee Request Denied

'Haunted' House in Bluffs Must Be Silent at 10 p.m.

Council Bluffs

Some Avenue B residents, bothered by the prospect of late-night noise from a "haunted house," have gotten their way with the Bluffs Health Board.

Wednesday the board denied a Bluffs Jaycees' request for a variance from the city's noise ordinance so the Jaycees could amplify screams and other sound effects after 10 p.m. from a vacant house at 1304 Avenue B.

The house will be turned into the haunted variety between Oct. 17 and 31, Jaycee President Gerald Goebel said. The Jaycees charge admission and use the funds for community projects, including Special Olympics for the retarded, 4th of July fireworks and Pride Week projects.

The Jaycees will go ahead with the haunted house, but will stop the amplified sounds after 10 p.m. The project has been an annual event at various locations in the Bluffs.

The board approved a noise variance for the Pottawattamie County Historical and Beta Sigma Phi sorority for an annual haunted house at the historic Pottawattamie County Jail between Oct. 16 and 31.