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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sound Level Variance

**The Great Northern Festival – Slow Show Performance**

Dear St. Paul Property Owner:

This is to inform you of a request for a variance from the sound level limitations as indicated in the St. Paul Noise Ordinance (Chapter 293 of the St. Paul Legislative Code). Property owned by you and located near the noise source, may be affected by this variance request. Rental property owners must provide a copy of this notice to all renters or post a copy in a common area of the building so it can be viewed by the occupants.

**Description of Variance:**

**Location:** Outside of the Lake Como Dockside Pavilion – 1360 Lexington Pkwy N, Saint Paul, MN 55103

**Noise Source:** The Great Northern Festival, Sara Shives, Production Manager, has requested a sound level variance, for 90 dBA as measured at no specific distance, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for the Slow Show Performance on the lake ice outside of the Lake Como Dockside Pavilion – 1360 Lexington Pkwy N. on February 4, 2022 through February 5, 2022. The variance is requested for the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on February 4, 2022 and hours of 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on February 5, 2022. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of hours of 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2022 and hours of 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2022 for the Slow Show Performance. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 90 dBA as measured at 50 feet from all sound sources on February 4, 2022 to February 5, 2022. 3) The applicant shall provide personnel and equipment to ensure compliance with the sound level variance conditions. 4) All electronically powered equipment, PA systems, loudspeakers or similar devices shall be turned off no later than 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2022 and no later than 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2022.

Applicant has acknowledged that any social gathering associated with this variance must be managed in full compliance with all applicable Governor Walz and Mayor Carter COVID-19 Orders including but not limited to Orders relating to distancing, mask wearing and attendance limits

Public attendance at the City Council's regular meeting location may not be feasible due to the COVID-19 health pandemic.

Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or on local cable Channel 18.

**Submit comments for Public Hearing electronically.** The public may comment on public hearing items in person, in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting, Tuesday, February 1, 2022, will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows: Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to [Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us), [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us), or by voicemail at 651-266-6805. Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers, and by telephone by calling 612-315-7905 during the City Council meeting. 834785443# is the meeting code.

**A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:**

Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

After the public hearing, the Council may grant, deny, or modify the variance request.

**If you have questions about the sound level variance, please contact: Barb McMonigal-St.Dennis, Environmental Health Specialist, 651-266-9137, [barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us)**