



May 16, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sound Level Variance

S.J. Louis Trenchless – 2020 City Wide Sewer Lining Projects for 2022

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: On Palace Ave. from Macalester St to Snelling Ave S.

Noise Source: S.J. Louis Trenchless, has applied for a sound level variance, at a requested sound level limit of 100 decibels (dBA) at no specified distance, for operating general construction/demolition equipment and other repair and installation equipment for replacement, set up and installation of a cured in place sewer pipe. Rehabilitation of deteriorated and corroded damage to the sewer pipes is required. Work is to take place on Palace Ave. from Macalester St. to Snelling Ave. S. The project proposes to allow elevated sound levels during cleaning and inspection, with a sewer liner curing process, to occur from 8:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. with use of running vehicles, critically silenced pumps, truck mounted boiler, equipment with back up alarms and hand- held power tools at the sewer pipe rehabilitation site, during the month of June, 2022. Public Works recommendation is to control the sound level limits of 80 dBA or less at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the sound source. Following granting of the variances, the occupants of property located within 400 feet of the work location are to be notified in writing by S.J. Louis Trenchless a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the work. DSI also recommends that S.J. Louis Trenchless provide personnel and equipment to ensure compliance with the variance conditions. Contractors working on the project are to use best practicable methods for controlling noise, such as, but not limited to noise blankets, shields or portable sound barriers. Construction activities should be scheduled to minimize noise as much as possible in the late night and early morning hours.

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

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, May 31, 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, 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 registering to speak by noon on the day before the meeting. The registration link is located on the City Council website at www.stpaul.gov/council or <https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5>. 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.

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

Date: Wednesday, June 1, 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