



April 4, 2022

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

## Sound Level Variance

University of Saint Thomas - 2022 Doherty Family College, Undergraduate, and Graduate Commencements

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:** 2115 Summit Avenue – O’Shaughnessy Stadium

**Noise Source:** Zachary Dubois, University of St. Thomas, Public Safety St. Paul Campus Manager, has requested a sound level variance, for 95 dBA measured at 50 feet from the sound source, to present amplified sound with use of a sound system for 2022 Doherty Family College, Undergraduate, and Graduate Commencements on May 21 and 22, 2022 at 2115 Summit Avenue – O’Shaughnessy Stadium. The variance is requested for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22, 2022. The Department of Safety and Inspections will be recommending the following conditions: 1) The Variance shall be for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22, 2022 for 2022 Doherty Family College, Undergraduate, and Graduate Commencements. 2) All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 92 dBA at 50 feet from any sound source on May 21-22, 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 6:00 p.m. on May 21-22, 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

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, April 19, 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 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](http://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, April 20, 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)